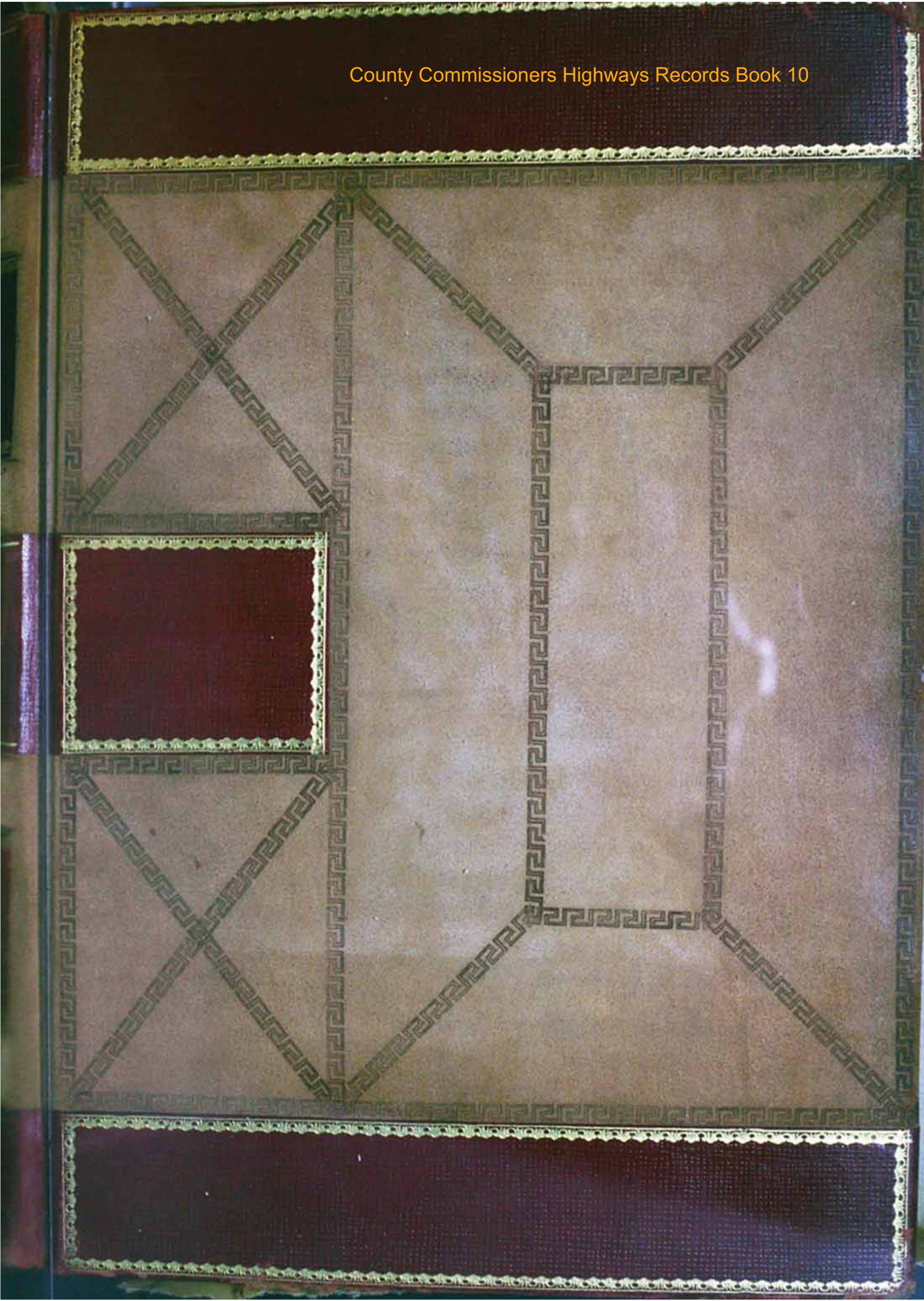


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The City of Holyoke  
(Sue for a Jury)

James Doyle  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden -

Your petitioner, the City of Holyoke, in  
said County, represents, that, by its board of  
water commissioners, acting under the provisions of  
chapter 82 of the acts of the legislature of the  
Commonwealth for the year 1872, it did take  
certain real estate, owned by James Doyle, of  
said Holyoke, for the purposes in said act pro-  
vided. That said real estate is situated in  
said Holyoke & is bounded as follows. Beginning  
at the westerly side of the highway leading  
from Westfield to said Holyoke, at the point  
of intersection with the Bush Hall Road so  
called, and running easterly, by the highway,  
to the point where the southerly shore of the  
pond strikes the northerly line of the highway,  
at the landing, so called, thence running  
westerly, on the margin of the pond, to the outlet  
of the same, at the road. Thence, southerly  
by the road, to the place of beginning. That  
said Doyle claiming to be damaged by said  
taking, did apply to your honorable board to  
assess the damages by him sustained. That on  
a hearing on his said application, your honorable  
board did, on the eighth day of November cur-  
rent, award him damages for said taking. Your  
petitioner represents and complains, that it is  
aggrieved by the estimation of said damages,  
and prays that it may have a jury to  
determine the matter of its complaint.

The City of Holyoke

By James Thornton & Lang its Atty.

November 1877

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield,  
within and for said County, on the first  
Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, when  
it was ordered that the Commissioners would  
meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition



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at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday, the twenty sixth day of December current at ten o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon James Doyle fourteen days at least before the said twenty sixth day of December, that he might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to the meeting holden for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year last aforesaid, and by adjournment to the fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Kaufman

We, the undersigned citizens of Springfield respectfully represent that public convenience and necessity require a new road from Springfield to Longmeadow. Said new road to begin near the house of Simon Dickinson in Springfield and ending near the house of Oliver Field in Longmeadow and running on or near the line of the proposed road as laid out by the County Commissioners in 1873 upon the petition of Simon Cotton and others.

James Kirkham et al.  
Petrs. for a new highway  
between Springfield and  
Longmeadow  
D. O.

James Kirkham and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second



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Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without costs.

Timothy Monick et al  
Pet for alteration and  
discontinuance of highway  
in Holyoke  
Pl.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represents your petitioners, citizens of the City of Holyoke that the public convenience and necessity require that a portion of the County road in said Holyoke leading from West Springfield to Northampton, known as Northampton street be relocated and altered and alterations made in the course thereof and that so much of the existing highway between the points hereafter designated as shall not be included in said highway as relocated by your honorable Board may be discontinued. The above changes and alterations are asked of such portion of said highway as lie between the southerly boundary line of Horace Brown Homestead Lot and the place where Liberty street intersects Northampton Street, known as "Balls corner". And your petitioners pray your honorable Board to view the above highway and to pass such orders and decree as the public good may require.

Holyoke May 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

Timothy Monick and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the thirteenth day of June then next, and ten o'clock in the



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from, at the dwelling-house of D. R. Hitchcock in Holyoke, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the city of Holyoke, being the city within which such alteration and discontinuance are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said city; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirteenth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted. And the further consideration of this matter was continued to the next regular adjourned meeting, and so from meeting until this meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 1877, and at the time of the view no person objecting thereto, the Commissioners do now proceed to locate the alterations as follows. Beginning at a granite monument in West line of road opposite land of John Kunkling, and thence running South 45° E. 785.75



ft. to a granite monument in center of Hatfield  
 St. as called, and thence South  $6^{\circ} 45' E.$  43.4 28  
 ft. to a granite stone monument, intersecting the  
 old line of road opposite land of Dexter Hatch-  
 cock, which point is the end of change in West  
 line of this relocation. The road at the beginning  
 of this relocation is 49.5 ft. wide and at 138 ft.  
 southerly 51.33 ft. wide, and at 51.2 ft. further  
 and opposite the center of Quabanic St. 61.5 ft.  
 wide, and at the center of South St. which is  
 160 ft. southerly of the bound in center of Hat-  
 field St. 66.33 ft. and 49.8 ft. at the end of this  
 relocation. The above described dimensions are shown  
 by a drawing on file in the office of the Clerk of  
 the Board, and the widths given at the several  
 points give a line for the Eastern boundary,  
 which will be virtually the same as the present  
 fence as averaged to uniformity. The variation of  
 the needle used in this survey  $10^{\circ} 30'$  West of the  
 meridian at Hatfield. No person or corporation in  
 the opinion of the Commissioners being entitled to  
 damages, and none being claimed, none are  
 awarded. Edwin Chase being disqualified, Samuel  
 A. Bartholomew, Special Commissioner, acted in his  
 stead.

Lucius J. Thayer  
 Norton L. Hubbard  
 Samuel A. Bartholomew } County  
 Commissioners.

All of which by the report of said Commissioners  
 filed among the proceedings in the aforesaid po-  
 sition fully appears. And now the said report  
 being read and considered is accepted, and the  
 road established as and for a public highway.

Alexander Day et al.  
 Pet. for discontinuance  
 of highway in Holyoke  
 1877

Holyoke Apr. 30th 1877.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the county of  
 Hampden in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 We the subscribers inhabitants of the town of Holyoke  
 in said county Respectfully represent that the old  
 road commencing near the intersection of the



Chicopee Ferry road with the Northampton & Springfield road running west of Mrs. Macburns house to land of Hannah Day about one hundred rods through land of Alexander Day & heirs of Simon Day is not needed as a public highway. Your petitioners therefore pray that your honors will said highway and discontinued same as by law made and provided.

Alexander Day and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the thirteenth day of June then next, and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling-house of Alexander Day, in Holyoke, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the city of Holyoke, being the city within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said city, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirteenth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed



the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said matter, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require, the above described highway ought to be discontinued. No person or corporation in the opinion of the Commissioners being entitled to damages, and none being claimed, none are awarded. Edwin Chase being disqualified, Samuel A. Bartholomew Special Commissioner, acted in his stead.

Lucius F. Hayer }  
 Austin S. Hubbard } County  
 Samuel A. Bartholomew } Commissioners.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now the said report is returned and accepted, and it is ordered that said highway be discontinued.

Alexander Day et al  
 Pet. for discontinuance of  
 highway in Holyoke  
 ss

Holyoke Apr. 29th 1878.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
 We the undersigned respectfully represent that the old Ferry road running from the Holyoke & Springfield road to the Barn River cross land of Oscar Ely and Alexander Day is not needed as a public highway we therefore respectfully request that your Hon. Board now and discontinue the same as by law in such cases made and provided.

Alexander Day and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting



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the Commissioners during a view of the premises referred to, appointed Thursday, the thirteenth day of June then next, and three o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling-house of Alexander Day in Holyoke, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the city of Holyoke, being the city within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said city, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirteenth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require, that the above described highway ought to be discontinued. No person or corporation in the opinion of the Commissioners being entitled to damages, and none being claimed, none are awarded. Edwin Chase being disqualified, Samuel A. Bartholomew, Special Commissioner, acted in his stead.



James F. Hanger } County  
 Newton L. Hubbard }  
 Samuel A. Bartholomew } Commissioners.

And this petition was continued to this meeting,  
 and now the said report is returned and ac-  
 cepted, and it is ordered that said highway  
 be discontinued.

County Treasurer authorized  
 to borrow \$25,000 on acct  
 of the South End Bridge

Voted That Mr. Wells Bridge County Treasurer  
 be authorized to borrow on the credit of the  
 County, and on account of construction of the  
 South End Bridge the sum of Twenty Five  
 Thousand Dollars, and to execute and deliver  
 note or notes to that amount payable on the  
 fifteenth day of May A.D. 1879 to the order of  
 such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual,  
 as he (the said Bridge) shall elect, and to pay  
 interest or discounts thereon at a rate not exceed-  
 ing four and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized  
 to borrow \$15,000 on acct  
 of the South End Bridge

Voted That Mr. Wells Bridge County Treasurer  
 be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County,  
 and on account of construction of the South  
 End Bridge the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dol-  
 lars, and to execute and deliver note or notes to  
 that amount payable on the fifteenth day of  
 May A.D. 1879 to the order of such Bank, In-  
 stitution, Corporation or Individual as he (the said  
 Bridge) shall elect, and to pay interest or dis-  
 counts thereon at a rate not exceeding four and  
 one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized  
 to borrow \$15,000 in anticipation  
 of the County Tax

Voted That Mr. Wells Bridge County Treasurer be  
 authorized to borrow on the credit of the County  
 and in anticipation of the County Tax, the sum  
 of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, and to execute and  
 deliver a note to that amount payable in the month  
 of October next, to the order of the Merchants National



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Bank of Baton and to pay interest or discounts thereon at a rate not exceeding three and one half per cent per annum.

Ordered That Mr. Hills Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and on account of construction of The South End Bridge the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, and to execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable on the fifteenth day of May A. D. 1879, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he (the said Bridge) shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow \$5,000. on acct. of The South End Bridge

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, amounting to the sum of six thousand five hundred and seven dollars and sixty five cents, and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

Accounts  
6587. 65

Sundry accounts for the construction of the South End Bridge laid out under the provisions of Chapter 250 of the acts of the year 1873 amounting to the sum of forty two thousand six hundred eighty five dollars and ninety cents are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

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Mr. Hills Bridge, County Treasurer, is hereby ordered to transfer from the Funds in his hands as County Treasurer to his account as Treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said County, the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and to hold the same subject to order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said County.

County Treasurer ordered to transfer to the account of the Sinking Fund



Order as to Osgood  
Street House

Ordered that the County Treasurer be authorized to collect all rents upon the house on Osgood St. in Springfield in possession of the County Commissioners by foreclosure, and to pay out of the money in his hands as Treasurer of the Sinking Fund, all necessary expenses for repairing and maintaining said house, including taxes & water rents now due and unpaid. He is further directed to credit upon the note of Emmitah & A. M. Sleeper the sum of sixteen hundred dollars being the amount the said property brought at foreclosure sale.

Hampden. September 17. 1878.

Judgment is entered upon according to reports  
is and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be  
continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest.

Robert O. Morris Clerk.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October being first day of said month and by adjournment on the sixth day of November, on the twenty fifth day of November, on the third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight

Present Lucius T. Thayer Esq. Chairman } County  
Newton S. Whitford } Commissioners  
Edwin Chase

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden James Donovan of the City of Springfield in said County, respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the southerly side of Sharon street in said Springfield & described as follows: bounded northerly by said Sharon street, easterly by land of Timothy Shea, southerly by land of one O'Brien & land formerly of John Harrington & westerly by land of Margaret Donlan - That on the twenty fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut street. That in complying with & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith, the said City has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that he seasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damage - but they refused to award him any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor

James Donovan

James Donovan (Pet. for Jury)  
The City of Springfield  
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By Messrs. Appleland his attys  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, Southern and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered, that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued, requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden, Superior Court, October Term, 1878. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of James Donovan, petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by A.M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone,



Maurice Malone, Thomas McInerney, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Welch and Mary Welch, Patrick Henry, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lovell, foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit, to James Donovan the sum of one Dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one Dollar damage to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas McInerney the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Welch and Mary Welch jointly, the sum of one Dollar damage, to Patrick Henry the sum of one Dollar damage to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one Dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the sum of one Dollar damage the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

Isaac B. Lovell & Foreman

Geo. W. Whitlock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen

Attest: R. C. Morris Clerk

Ebenezer S. Flower

William Taylor

L. H. Pepper

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Gaylord

James E. Champion

And now, it is ordered by said Commissioners, that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and forward to June Meeting 1879.



Patrick Drifflin Petitioner

The City of Springfield

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. Patrick Drifflin of the City of Springfield, in said County respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the westerly side of Sharon street in said Springfield & described as follows. Bounded northerly by said street; easterly by land of Mrs. Lynch; southerly by land of Paul Buckley & westerly by land of one Tucker. That on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1872 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut street, that in complying with & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith the said City has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage, and your petitioner further complains & says that he reasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damages, but they refused to award him any sum therefor, & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor. Patrick Drifflin

By Morris & Ireland, his attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered, that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August next, at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and



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by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last  
aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a  
warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was  
duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or  
his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear  
and determine the matter of complaint set forth  
in said petition. And this petition was continued  
from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now  
the following verdict and order is received from the  
Superior Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hamp-  
den, Superior Court, October Term, 1877. To the County  
Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the  
case of Patrick Griffin, petitioner for a jury upon  
which a warrant was ordered by the said County  
Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1st A.  
D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It  
is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accept-  
ed. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled  
by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden,  
on the twentieth day of July A. D. 1877, for the purpose  
mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the  
petition of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew  
Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingston, George Kingston  
and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone,  
Thomas M. Conroy, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea,  
John Welch and Mary Welch, Patrick Kenney, Patrick  
O'Brien and Michael Conroy, against the inhabi-  
tants of the City of Springfield, having been first du-  
ly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lowell foreman  
by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and  
fully hearing the parties, examine and assess the a-  
mounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners  
by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon  
Street as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum  
of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of  
one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum  
of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of  
one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of  
one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James  
Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage to  
John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to



Quarance Pralora the sum of one dollar damage, to  
Thomas McInerney the sum of one dollar damage,  
to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage,  
to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to  
John Welch and Mary Welch jointly, the sum of one  
dollar damage to Patrick Kennedy the sum of one dol-  
lar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar  
damage to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar  
damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable  
compensation for all damages sustained by said pe-  
titioners.

J. S. Lovell & Foreman

Geo. W. Whelock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen

Attest:

Robt. D. Morris Clerk

Ebenezer S. Flower

William Taylor

L. H. Lippor

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Baylord

James E. Champion

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that  
said verdict and adjudication be recorded.  
Carried forward to June Meeting 1872

Bartholomew Hayes (Pet. for  
a Jury)

The City of Springfield

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hamilton:  
Bartholomew Hayes of the City of Springfield, in said  
County, respectfully complains & represents, that he is the  
owner of a certain lot of land situated on the south-  
city side of Sharon Street in said City, described as fol-  
lows, bounded northerly by said Sharon Street 3 rods,  
easterly by land now or formerly of Patrick Quinn  
8 1/2 feet, southerly by land of said Quinn 3 rods, west-  
erly by land of one Harrington, formerly of F. A. Brewer  
6 1/2 feet. That on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1872,  
an hundred & seventy-four the City Council of said City of  
Springfield, ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established &  
constructed on both sides of said Sharon Street from Dean  
Street to Chestnut Street. That in complying with & in  
carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in  
connection therewith, the said City has elevated & raised  
the said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said  
land to his great damage. And your petitioner further  
complains & says that he seasonably petitioned to the Mayor &



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Attorney of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damages but they refused to award him any sum therefor, and being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may be duly issued for that purpose.

Bartholomew Hayes

By Morris & Copeland his attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August that might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden Co. Superior Court, October Term, 1876. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of Bartholomew Hayes, petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted.



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Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by Wm  
Brady Sheriff of the County of Hamilton on the twentieth  
day of July, A. D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned  
in the warrant in this case, issued on the petitions of  
James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen  
Heating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James King-  
ton, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas McInerney,  
Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Telleh and Mary  
Telleh, Patrick Henney, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Dor-  
ney, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield,  
having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac  
A. Lowell, foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the  
premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and  
assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said  
petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of  
Channon Street as follows to wit, to James Donovan the  
sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum  
of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of  
one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dol-  
lar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar  
damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly  
the sum of one dollar damage to John Malone the sum  
of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of  
one dollar damage, to Thomas McInerney the sum of  
one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of  
one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one  
dollar damage, to John Telleh and Mary Telleh jointly  
the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Henney the  
sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum  
of one dollar damage, to Michael Dorney the sum of  
one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and rea-  
sonable compensation for all damages sustained by said  
petitioners.

J. A. Lowell, Foreman

Mr. W. Wheelock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George H. Converse

George H. Allen

Alfred Robert D. Morris Clerk

Ebenezer S. Flower

William Taylor

E. H. Foster

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Bayliss

James E. Thompson

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners that



and subject and adjournment be recorded.  
Landed forward to Iowa Meeting 1879

Colonel Mearns 1879

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hamilton  
Ellen Heating of the City of Springfield, in the said County  
respectfully complains & represents that she is the owner of  
a certain lot of land situated on the southerly side of  
Sharon Street in said Springfield & described as follows:  
bounded northerly by said street; Easterly by land of  
John Fitzgerald, southerly by land of Daniel Buckley,  
& westerly by land of Mrs. Mary Lynch, that on the  
twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City Council  
of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be  
laid out, established & constructed on both sides of said  
Sharon Street from Duane Street to Chestnut Street, that  
in complying with & in carrying out said order, & in  
rehabbing said street in connection therewith, the said  
City has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining  
your petitioner's said land to her great damage. And  
your petitioner further complains & says that she reason-  
ably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of  
Springfield to estimate & award her just compensation  
for her said damages, but they refused to award her  
any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby she now prays  
that she may have a jury to determine the matter of  
this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.

Ellen Heating Pet for Jury

The City of Springfield

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Ellen Heating

By Morris & Copeland her attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and  
for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners  
would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition  
at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of August next, at ten o'clock A.M. and that the  
petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order  
thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen  
days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, that  
it might appear and be heard upon said petition.  
And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting



to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court of the County of Hampshire, Hampshire, Superior Court, October Term, 1877. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire In the case of Ellen Heating petitioner for a jury, where a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by J. W. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampshire, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petition of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Heating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Irving, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Welch and Mary Welch, Patrick Henry, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conry, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Small foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amount of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street, as follows to wit, to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage.



to pay the sum of one dollar damage to Thomas  
to pay the sum of one dollar damage to Bridget  
to pay the sum of one dollar damage to Dennis Shea  
the sum of one dollar damage to John Welch and  
to pay Welch jointly the sum of one dollar damage to  
Patrick Kennedy the sum of one dollar damage to Pat-  
rick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage to Michael  
to pay the sum of one dollar damage, the above  
awards is a just and reasonable compensation for  
all damages sustained by said petitioners

A. B. Lovell & Foreman

Wm. W. Whipple

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Bulcher

George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen

Attest: Robert C. Morris Clerk

Benjamin L. Foster

William Taylor

R. H. Fisher

A. E. Allen

Arthur T. Gaylord

James E. Champion

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that  
said verdict and adjudication be recorded.  
Passed forward to Court Meeting 1879

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
George Hingston of the City of Springfield in said County  
respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of  
a certain lot of land situated on the easterly side of  
Sharon Street in said Springfield & described as follows: bounded  
on the north by said Sharon Street, easterly by land of  
Daniel J. Harrington, southerly by land formerly John  
Harrington & westerly by land of Dennis Shea. That on  
the twenty-fifth of May A. D. 1874 the City Council of  
said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid  
out, established & constructed on both sides of said  
Sharon Street from Main Street to Chestnut Street.  
That in complying with & in carrying out said order,  
in repairing said street in connection therewith, the  
City has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining  
your petitioner's said land to his great damage.  
And your petitioner further complains & says that he  
reasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said  
City of Springfield to estimate & award him just com-  
pensation for his said damages but they refused to

George Hingston (Pet. for a Jury)

The City of Springfield



avoid been any such thing & being aggrieved thereby  
he now prays that he may have a jury to determine  
the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may  
duly issue therefor

George Kingston

By Morris Hopland his atty

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and  
for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sev-  
enty six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners  
would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition  
at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the  
petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order  
thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen  
days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, that  
it might appear and be heard upon said petition.  
And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to the meeting holden for said County on the second  
Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment  
on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at  
which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a  
jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requir-  
ing the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to sum-  
mon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the  
matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And  
this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to  
this meeting, and now the following verdict and order  
is returned from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, Hampshire Co. Superior Court, October Term, 1877  
To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
In the case of George Kingston, petitioner for a jury, when  
which a warrant was ordered by the said County Com-  
missioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and  
has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that  
the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as  
follows. The jurors empanelled by A. W. Bradley Sheriff  
of the County of Hampshire, on the twentieth day of July  
A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in



this case, sworn on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Heating, George Hingston, George Hingston and James Hingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas McInerney, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Fitch and Mary Fitch, Patrick Kennedy, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lovell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, return and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street, as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Hingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Hingston and James Hingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas McInerney the sum of one dollar damage to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage to John Fitch and Mary Fitch jointly the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Kennedy the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

Isaac B. Lovell Foreman

Geo. W. Wheelock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Bourne

George W. Allen

Attest: Robert D. Morris Clerk

Ebenezer S. Flower

William Taylor

R. H. Seppner

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Payford

James E. Champion

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that said verdict and adjudication be recorded.

Carried forward to June Meeting 1879



George Kingston et al vs  
The City of Springfield

for a Jury

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
George Kingston & James Kingston of the City of Springfield  
in said County, respectfully complain & represent that  
they are the owners of a certain lot of land situated  
on the northerly side of Sharon street in said Spring-  
field & described as follows, bounded southerly by said  
Sharon street; easterly by land of John Burns, north-  
easterly by land of one Donahue, & westerly by land of Michael Dandogian. That on the twenty-fifth day of May  
A.D. 1874 the City Council of said City of Springfield  
ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established, & construct-  
ed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street  
to Chestnut street. That in complying with & in carrying  
out said order & in repairing said street in connection  
therewith, the said City has elevated & raised the said  
street opposite & adjoining your petitioners' said land to  
their great damage. And your petitioners further com-  
plain & say that they seasonably petitioned the Mayor  
& Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award  
them just compensation for their said damage, but  
they refused to award them any sum therefor, & being  
aggrieved thereby they now pray that they may have  
a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that  
a warrant may be issued for that purpose.

George Kingston James Kingston

By Morris & Copeland their attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within  
and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Com-  
missioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon  
said petition at the Court House in Springfield on  
Thursday the thirty first day of August next, at ten  
o'clock A.M. and that the petitioners cause a copy of  
said petition and of this order thereon to be served  
upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least be-  
fore the said thirty first day of August, that it might  
appear and be heard upon said petition. And this  
petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the  
meeting holden for said County, on the second Tuesday



of A.D. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of July, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampden, Superior Court. October Term, 1877. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of George Kingston and James Kingston, petitioners for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows: The jury empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petitions of James Donoran, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas McInerney, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Welch and Mary Welch, Patrick Kenney, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac R. Lovell, foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows: to wit: to James Donoran the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone



the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas P. Jerny the sum of one dollar damage to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage to John Veltz and Mary Veltz jointly, the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage to Michael Jerny the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

A. B. Lowell Foreman

Geo W. Wheelock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Bowser

George W. Allen

Attort. Robert O. Morris Clerk

Samuel J. Foster

William Taylor

E. H. Leiber

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Sanford

James E. Thompson

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that said verdict and adjudication be recorded. Dated forward to June Meeting 1879

John Malone Petitioner

The City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
John Malone of the City of Springfield in said County respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the north side of Sharon Street in said City, described as follows. South-ly by said Sharon Street. Easterly by land of Michael Dondegan, northerly by land of one Donahue & land of Michael Garry, & westerly by land of Michael Garry being same land which was conveyed to him by deed of A. S. Loran dated August 24 1872. That on the twenty fifth day of May A. D. eighteen hundred & seventy four the City Council of said Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established & constructed on both sides of Sharon Street aforesaid from Main Street to Chestnut Street. That in complying with & in carrying out said order & in repairing said street in connection therewith the said city has elevated & raised the said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that



he was petitioned to the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his damages but they refused to award him any sum therefor, and being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint.

John Malone

By Deane & Lobland his attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the thirty-first day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said thirty-first day of August, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden, a Superior Court, October Term, 1877. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of John Malone, petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued, dated May 15 A.D. 1877 and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled.



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by A. W. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampshire,  
on the twentieth day of July A. D. 1877, for the pur-  
pose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on  
the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Barthol-  
omew Hayes, Ellen Hesting, George Kingston, George King-  
ton and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone,  
Thomas McInerney, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John  
Welsh and Mary Welsh, Patrick Henry, Patrick O'Brien  
and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the  
City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn and  
having chosen Isaac B. Lovell foreman by ballot, after  
carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the par-  
ties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sus-  
tained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising  
and filling up of Sharon Street as follows, to wit: to  
James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to  
Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bar-  
tholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to El-  
len Hesting the sum of one dollar damage, to George  
Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George King-  
ton and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar  
damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar dam-  
age, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar dam-  
age, to Thomas McInerney the sum of one dollar dam-  
age, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Den-  
nis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Welsh  
and Mary Welsh jointly, the sum of one dollar dam-  
age, to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick  
O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Con-  
roy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a  
just and reasonable compensation for all damages sus-  
tained by said petitioners.

Isaac B. Lovell, Foreman

Geo. V. Challock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Converse

George W. Allen

Attest: Robert C. Morris Clerk

Ebenizer S. Flaver

William Taylor

R. H. Scher

G. E. Allen

Arthur F. Gaylord

James E. Humphreys

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said  
verdict and adjudication be recorded.

Carried forward to June Meeting 1879



October Meeting 1876

Maurice Malone (Petitioner)

a Jury

The City of Springfield

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Maurice Malone of the City of Springfield, one said county  
respectfully complainer represents that he is the owner of a certain  
lot of land on the northerly side of Sharon Street in said  
Springfield & described as follows: bounded Southerly on said  
Sharon street, Easterly by land of John O'Brien, northerly  
by land of Thomas Rice & land of Flora Donovan, & west-  
erly by land of Flora Donovan. That on the twenty-fifth  
day of May A.D. 1874 the City Council of said City of  
Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established  
& constructed on both sides of said Sharon Street from  
Main street to Chestnut street. That in complying  
with & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said  
street in connection therewith, the said City has deval-  
ued & raised the said street opposite & adjoining your  
petitioner said land to his great damage. And your  
petitioner further complains & says that he reasonably  
petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Spring-  
field to estimate & award him just compensation for  
his said damages, but they refused to award him any  
sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that  
he may have a jury to determine the matter of this  
complaint & that a warrant may be duly issued  
for that purpose.

Maurice Malone

By Morris & Copeland, his attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and  
for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
seventy six, when it was ordered, that the Commissioners  
would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition  
at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the thirty-  
first day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that  
the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this  
order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield  
fourteen days at least before the said thirty-first day  
of August, that it might appear and be heard  
upon said petition. And this petition was continued  
from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for  
said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the



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year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
seventy seven and by adjournment on the first day  
of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting  
it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued,  
and a warrant was duly issued, requiring the Sheriff  
of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of  
twelve men to hear and determine the matter of  
complaint set forth in said petition. And this pe-  
tition was continued from meeting to meeting to this  
meeting, and now the following verdict and order  
is received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, Hampden Superior Court, October  
Term, 1878 To the County Commissioners of the County  
of Hampden. In the case of Maurice Malone, petitioner  
or for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by  
the said County Commissioners, and was issued da-  
ted May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this  
Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the ju-  
ry be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors em-  
pannelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of  
Hampden, on the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1877, for  
the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case,  
issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griff-  
in, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingston,  
George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Mau-  
rice Malone, Thomas McInerney, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis  
Shea, John Veleh and Mary Veleh, Patrick Kennedy, Pat-  
rick O'Brien and Michael Conney against the inhabi-  
tants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly  
sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lowell foreman by  
ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully  
hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts  
of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason  
of the raising and fitting up of Sharon Street, as follow-  
to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage,  
to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bar-  
tholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen  
Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston  
the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and  
James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage,  
to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage to



Maurice Malou the sum of one dollar damage to Thomas  
 McInerney the sum of one dollar damage to Bridget Del-  
 loran the sum of one dollar damages to Dennis Shea  
 the sum of one dollar damage to John Welch and  
 Mary Welch jointly the sum of one dollar damage to  
 Patrick Kennedy the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick  
 O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage to Michael Cor-  
 ney the sum of one dollar damage the above awards  
 is a just and reasonable compensation for all dam-  
 ages sustained by said petitioners.

U. S. Lowell Foreman

See W. Wheelock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen

Attest: Robert C. Morris Clerk

Ebenzer L. Flower

William Taylor

R. H. Pepper

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Daylord

James E. Chapman

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that  
 said verdict and adjudication be recorded  
 carried forward to June Meeting 1879

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
 Thomas McInerney of the City of Springfield, in said  
 County, respectfully complains & represents that he is the  
 owner of a certain lot of land situated on the north-  
 ly side of Sharon Street in said Springfield & described  
 as follows: bounded Southerly by said Sharon Street, easterly  
 by land of Michael & Mary Morris, northerly by land of  
 one Hall, & westerly by land of Ellen & Michael Courtney.  
 That on the twenty-fifth day of May A D 1874 the City  
 Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to  
 be laid out, established & constructed on both sides of said  
 Sharon Street from Main Street to Chestnut Street. That  
 in complying with, & in carrying out said order, & in repair-  
 ing said street in connection therewith, the said city  
 has elevated & raised the said street opposite & adjoining  
 your petitioners said land to his great damage. And  
 your petitioner further complains & says that he reason-  
 ably petitioned to the Mayor & Aldermen of said city of  
 Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation  
 for his said damages but they refused to award him

Thomas McInerney (Att for a large)

The City of Springfield  
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any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby he now  
prays that he may have a jury to determine the  
matter of this complaint & that a warrant may be du-  
ly issued for that purpose.

Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Inerney

By Morris & Copeland his atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield within  
and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Com-  
missioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon  
said petition at the Court House in Springfield on  
Thursday the thirty-first day of August next at ten  
o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of  
said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon  
the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the  
said thirty-first day of August: that it might ap-  
pear and be heard upon said petition. And this pe-  
tition was continued from meeting to meeting to the  
meeting holden for said County on the second Tues-  
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjourn-  
ment on the first day of May in the year last afore-  
said, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant  
for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued  
requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to  
summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine  
the matter of complaint set forth in said petition.  
And this petition was continued from meeting to  
meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict  
and order is received from the Superior Court Com-  
monwealth of Massachusetts &amp;amp;amp;amp; Superior Court  
October Term, 1878. To the County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden. In the case of Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Inerney,  
petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered  
by the said County Commissioners, and was issued  
dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into  
this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the  
jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors  
empanelled by S<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup> Bradley, Sheriff of the County of



October 1877

Hampden, on the twentieth day of July A. D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingdon, George Kingdon and James Kingdon, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas McQuerry, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Welch and Mary Welch, Patrick Kenney, Patrick O'Brien, and Michael Conney, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lowell, foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the causing and filling up of Sharon Street, as follows, to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingdon the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingdon and James Kingdon jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas McQuerry the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Welch and Mary Welch jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Kenney the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conney the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

Isaac B. Lowell, Foreman

Ben W. Whulock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Converse

George W. Allen

Attest, Robert O. Morris Clerk

Ebenzer S. Flower

William Taylor

A. H. Lippert

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Gaylord

James E. Champion

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that said verdict and adjudication be recorded.  
Landed forward to Ind. Meeting 1879



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Bridget Sullivan (Petitioner for a Jury)

The City of Springfield  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Bridget Sullivan of the City of Springfield, in said  
County, respectfully complains & represents that she is the  
owner of a certain lot of land situated on the north-  
eastly side of Sharon street in said Springfield, described  
as follows, bounded southerly by said Sharon street, east-  
erly by land of Timothy Hervey, northerly by land of  
Frank Leonard, & westerly by land of Ellen Murphy.  
That on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the  
City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a  
sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on  
both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to  
Sheetmetal Street. That, in complying with, & in carrying  
out said order, & in repairing said street in connec-  
tion therewith, the said City has deviated & raised the  
said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said  
land to his great damage. And your petitioner further  
complains & says that she seasonably petitioned the  
Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to esti-  
mate & award him just compensation for his said  
damages, but they refused to award her any sum  
therefor & being aggrieved thereby she now prays that  
she may have a jury to determine the matter of this  
complaint & that a warrant may duly issue for that  
purpose.

Bridget Sullivan

By Morris & Aspland her attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within  
and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Com-  
missioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon  
said petition at the Court House in Springfield  
on Thursday the thirty-first day of August next at ten  
o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of  
said petition and of this order thereon to be served  
upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before  
the said thirty-first day of August. That it might ap-  
pear and be heard upon said petition. And this pe-  
tition was continued from meeting to meeting to the  
meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday



of A.D. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued, requiring the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the County of Hampshire, Superior Court, October Term, 1878. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire. In the case of Bridget Sullivan, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued, dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by A. Mc. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampshire, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petition of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas Mc. Murphy, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Welch and Mary Welch, Patrick Henry, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Kopy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn and having chosen Isaac S. Lowell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street, as follows to wit, to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice



Wherefore the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas W.  
 Awarding the sum of one dollar damage to Bridget Sul-  
 livan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea  
 the sum of one dollar damage, to John Welch and  
 Mary Welch jointly, the sum of one dollar damage,  
 to Patrick Hervey, the sum of one dollar damage to  
 Patrick O'Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage to Mi-  
 chael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above  
 awards be a just and reasonable compensation for all  
 damages sustained by said petitioners.

J. B. Howell Foreman

Ebenzer S. Flower

Geo. W. Whitlock

William Taylor

Franklin Wade

R. H. Pepper

Benjamin Belcher

A. E. Allen

George W. Bowser

Arthur P. Gaylord

George W. Allen

James S. Chapman

Attest.

Robert O. Morris Clerk

And now, it is ordered by said Commissioners, that  
 said verdict and adjudication be recorded.  
 Carried forward to next meeting 1879

Dennis Shea Pet. for a Jury

The City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
 Dennis Shea of the City of Springfield, in said County,  
 respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of  
 a certain lot of land situated on the southerly side of  
 Sharon street in said Springfield & described as follows.  
 bounded northerly by said Sharon Street; easterly by land  
 of George Kingston, southerly by land formerly of John  
 Harrington & westerly by land formerly of Michael Har-  
 rington. That on the twenty-fifth day of May A. D. 1878  
 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a  
 sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on both  
 sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut  
 street. That in complying with & in carrying out said  
 order & in repairing said street in connection therewith,  
 the City has elevated & raised said street opposite &  
 adjoining your petitioner's said lot to his great damage.  
 And your petitioner further complains & says that he so-  
 lemnly petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City  
 of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation  
 for his said damage, but they refused to award him



any sum therefor, & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor

Dennis Shea

By Morris & Leland his attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered, that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the thirty-first day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said thirty-first day of August: that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hampden, or Superior Court, October Term, 1878. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of Dennis Shea, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by A.M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of



July 4<sup>th</sup> 1877. for the purpose mentioned: viz the  
 warrant in this case, issued on the petitions of James  
 Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Hea-  
 ting, George Kingston, George Kingston and James King-  
 ton, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Conroy,  
 Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Veleh and Mary  
 Veleh, Patrick Kinnay, Patrick O'Brien and Michael  
 Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield,  
 having been first duly sworn and having chosen  
 Isaac B. Lowell foreman by ballot, after carefully view-  
 ing the premises, and fully hearing the parties estimate  
 and assess the amounts of damages sustained by  
 the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling  
 of Sharon Street, as follows to wit, to James Donovan  
 the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the  
 sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the  
 sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum  
 of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of  
 one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James King-  
 ton jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Ma-  
 lone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone  
 the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Conroy  
 the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the  
 sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum  
 of one dollar damage, to John Veleh and Mary Veleh  
 jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick  
 Kinnay the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien  
 the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the  
 sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just  
 and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained  
 by said petitioners.

Isaac B. Lowell, Foreman

Geo W. Wheelock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Conroy

George W. Allen

Met. Robert C. Morris Clerk

Ebenzer S. Tower

William Taylor

R. H. Pepper

A. B. Allen

Arthur F. Gaylord

James C. Champion

And now, it is ordered by said Commissioners, that  
 said verdict and adjudication be recorded.

Carried forward to June Meeting 1879



October Meeting 1874

John Welch et al. Pet. for

a Jury

The City of Springfield

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
John Welch & Mary Welch both of the City of Springfield,  
in the County of Hampden aforesaid, respectfully complain  
& shew that they are the owners of a certain lot of land  
situated on the northerly side of Sharon Street in said  
Springfield, described as follows, bounded southerly by  
said Sharon street, easterly by land of Abraham For-  
my, northerly by land of Mrs. Jennings & land of one  
Solomon, & westerly by land of Michael Corney. That  
on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City  
Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk  
to be laid out, established, & constructed on both sides  
of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut  
street. That in complying with, & in carrying out said  
order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith,  
the said City has elevated & raised the said street  
opposite & adjoining your petitioners' said land to their  
great damage. And your petitioners further complain  
& say that they seasonably petitioned the Mayor & Al-  
dermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award  
them just compensation for their said damages, but  
they refused to award them any sum therefor, & being  
aggrieved thereby they now pray that they may have  
a jury to determine the matter of this complaint &  
that a warrant may duly issue for that purpose.

John Welch

Mary Welch

By Morris & Copeland their attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Com-  
missioners held at Springfield, within and for  
said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six,  
where it was ordered that the Commissioners would  
meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at  
the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the thirty-  
first day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that  
the petitioners cause a copy of said petition and of this  
order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield  
fourteen days at least before the said thirty-first day  
of August, that it might appear and be heard upon  
said petition. And this petition was continued from



meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampshire County, October Term, 1878 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire. In the case of John Welsh and Mary Welsh, petitioners for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampshire, on the twentieth day of July A. D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Heating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas McInerney, Bridget Sullivan, Dominic Shea, John Welsh and Mary Welsh, Patrick Hursey, Patrick O'Brien, and Michael Koney, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac E. Lovell foreman, by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises and fully hearing the parties, retires and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly.



the sum of one dollar damage, to John Qualone the sum of  
 one dollar damage, to Maurice Qualone the sum of one dol-  
 lar damage, to Thomas McInerney the sum of one dollar  
 damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar dam-  
 ages, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage to  
 John Welch and Mary Welch jointly, the sum of one dollar  
 damage, to Patrick Henny the sum of one dollar damage,  
 to Patrick O'Driscoll the sum of one dollar damage, to  
 Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage the  
 above awards is a just and reasonable compensation  
 for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

A. J. Small } Foreman

Geo W. Wheelock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Converse

George W. Allen

Attest Robert V. Morris Clerk

Ebenezer J. Flower

William Taylor

R. H. Phipps

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Gaylord

James E. Champion

And now, it is ordered by said Commissioners, that  
 said verdict and adjudication be recorded.  
 Passed forward to June Meeting 1877.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
 Patrick Henny of the City of Springfield in said County  
 respectfully complains & represents that he was the owner  
 of a certain lot of land situated on the northerly  
 side of Sharon Street in said Springfield, & described  
 as follows, bounded southerly by said Sharon Street,  
 easterly by land of Austin Program, northerly by land  
 of Miss Jennings, & westerly by land of Bridget Sulli-  
 van. That on the twenty fifth day of May A. D. 1874  
 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a  
 sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on  
 both sides of said Sharon Street from Main Street  
 to Chestnut Street. That in complying with & carrying  
 out said order, & in repairing said street in connec-  
 tion therewith, the said city has elevated & raised the said  
 street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to  
 his great damage. And your petitioner further com-  
 plains & says that he seasonably petitioned the Mayor &  
 Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award

Patrick Henny Pet for a Jury

The City of Springfield  
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him just compensation for his said damages, but they refused to award him any sum thereof & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue for that purpose.

Patrick Henry

By Memo & Copeland his attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners should meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the third day of October next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said third day of October, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition, and the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampshire Superior Court, October Term, 1877. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire In the case of Patrick Henry, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court: it is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors impanelled by A.M.



October Meeting 1877

Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Heating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Mearns, Maurice Mearns, Thomas McInerney, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Welsh and Mary Welsh, Patrick Henry, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn and having chosen Isaac B. Lovell, foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon street as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Mearns the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Mearns the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas McInerney the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Welsh and Mary Welsh jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

Isaac B. Lovell Foreman

Geo. W. Whitlock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Converse

George W. Allen

Attest: Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Emory J. Porter

William Taylor

E. H. Fisher

A. S. Allen

Arthur F. Gaylord

James E. Chapman

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and forward to final meeting 1879



Patrick O'Brien Esq for a Jury

The City of Springfield

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To the Honorable Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Patrick O'Brien of the City of Springfield, an said County  
of Hampden complains & represents that he is the owner of  
a certain lot of land situated on the northerly side of  
Sharon Street in said Springfield & described as follows:  
bounded southerly by said street; easterly by land now  
or formerly of John Shea, northerly by land subseant to  
belong to Thomas Hise & westerly by land of John O'Brien.  
That on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City  
Council of said City of Springfield, ordered a sidewalk  
to be laid out, established, & constructed on both sides  
of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut  
street: that in complying with & in carrying out said  
order & in repairing said street in connection therewith,  
the City has elevated & raised said street opposite & ad-  
joining your petitioner's said land to his great damage.  
And your petitioner further complains & says that he  
reasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City  
of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation  
for his said damages, but they refused to award him  
any sum, & they have not awarded him any sum  
therefor, & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he  
may have a jury to determine the matter of this com-  
plaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.

Patrick O'Brien

By Morris A. Speland his atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within  
and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Com-  
missioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon  
said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Tues-  
day the third day of October next, at ten o'clock A.M.  
and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition  
and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of  
Springfield fourteen days at least before the said third  
day of October, that it might appear and be heard  
upon said petition. And this petition was continued  
from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for  
said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year



of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampshire Superior Court, October Term, 1877 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire In the case of Patrick O'Brien, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court, it is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jury empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampshire, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Sufferin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Heating, George Hingeton, George Hingeton and James Hingeton, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas McQuerry, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Welch and Mary Welch, Patrick Henney, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lovell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amount of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and pulling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Sufferin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Hingeton the sum of one dollar damage, to George Hingeton and James Hingeton jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one



dollar damage, to Thomas W. Loring the sum of one  
dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one  
dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar  
damage to John Welch and Mary Welch jointly, the  
sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Henry the  
sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum  
of one dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the sum of  
one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and  
reasonable compensation for all damages sustained  
by said petitioners.

A. A. Farrell & Freeman

Mr. Dr. Whitlock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George H. Lonsdale

George W. Allen

West. Robert W. Morris & Lock

Eranger J. Foster

William Taylor

J. H. Parker

A. E. Allen

Arthur E. Bayford

James E. Chapman

And now, it is ordered by said Commissioners that said  
verdict and adjudication be recorded  
and forward to June Meeting 1879.

Michael Conroy for a jury

The City of Springfield

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hamilton.  
Michael Conroy of the City of Springfield, in said Com.  
ty respectfully represents that he is the owner of a lot of  
land situated on the north side of Sharon street in said  
City & described as follows, bounded southerly by said  
Sharon street, easterly by land of John & Mary Welch,  
northerly by land of one Coleman, & westerly by land  
of J. Brewer, that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1878, the Board  
of Aldermen & Common Council of said City ordered  
a sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on  
both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to  
West street. And your petitioner complains that in  
carrying out said order the said City greatly raised the  
street in front of your petitioner's said premises to the  
great damage of said lot & the buildings thereon, that  
he seasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said  
City to estimate & award him a just sum of money  
for his said damages, but they refused to award him  
any sum therefor, being aggrieved thereby he prays that  
he may have a jury to determine the matter of his said



damages & that a warrant may duly issue therefor

Michael Boney

By Thomas E. Speland his atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House, in Springfield, on Tuesday, the third day of October next, at ten o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the said City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said third day of October, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court for the County of Massachusetts, Hampden, or Superior Court, October Term, 1877 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of Michael Boney, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of July, A. D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petition of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Whiting, George Kingston, George



Wingston and James Wingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas D<sup>r</sup> Lavery, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Welsh and Mary Welsh, Patrick Horney, Patrick O'Brien, and Michael Loney, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lovell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit, to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Wingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Wingston and James Wingston jointly the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas D<sup>r</sup> Lavery the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Welsh and Mary Welsh jointly the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Horney the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Loney the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

Isaac B. Lovell, Foreman	Samuel L. Howe
Ben. W. Wheelock	William Taylor
Franklin Wade	E. H. Peck
Benjamin Belcher	A. S. Allen
George W. Lawrence	Arthur F. Gaylord
George W. Allen	James E. Champion
Attest, Robert C. Merri Clerk	

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that said verdict and adjudication be recorded.  
 Passed forward to June Meeting 1879



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Franklin A. Robinson et al.

Hampden Co.

Granville June 5<sup>th</sup> 1878

To the Honorable County Commissioners in and for the County of Hampden We the subscribers citizens and legal voters mostly in Granville Blandford and Tolland Blandford

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Respectfully represent that the public good requires a change in the road commencing near the bridge above the Public mill so called in Granville from there in an Easterly direction to intersect the road leading from West Granville to Blandford near the Buck Hill School House crossing land owned by William Howard and following the present road by the Lee place so called to Henry Public land thence passing through said Public Land and land owned by Curtis Barnes and land owned by William Humphrey to either of the roads leading to the corner or the corner itself in Blandford West of David Bates House thence following the road by said Bates to the road leading from Blandford to East Granville thence on said road toward Wolna Stone partly in Granville and partly in Blandford leaving it discretionary with the Honorable Board to make changes in location width and grade of roads now existing in this description also to enter upon lands not described in this petition. And our Prayer and petition is that a view may be taken of the above described route and the same be ordered built and repaired for which as in duty bound we will ever pray

Franklin A. Robinson and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the sixth day of August then next and 11<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Volney Starr, in Granville, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Granville and Blandford, leaving the towns within which such alteration and repair are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time.



appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of  
 said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted  
 in two public places in said town, and also gave notice  
 to all persons interested by causing a copy of said  
 petition to be published three weeks successively in the  
 Western Hamiltonian Times and News Letter, a newspaper  
 published in said County, said posting and the  
 last publication of said copy having been fourteen  
 days at least before the time appointed for said view  
 and before said view was had, said Commissioners  
 gave notice in like manner as described in the fore-  
 going notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the  
 time and place for commencing said view. And on the  
 said eighth day of August, the Commissioners met at the  
 time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the prem-  
 ises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard,  
 and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to  
 consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said peti-  
 tion, and after considering the same, said Commissioners  
 did adjudge that common convenience and necessity  
 required that the prayer of the petition be granted, and  
 after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appoint-  
 ed Tuesday the seventeenth day of September then next  
 and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of David  
 Bates, in said Blandford, as the time and place when  
 and where they would meet and proceed to locate said  
 changes, and the said Commissioners having given notice  
 of the adjudication and the time and place appointed  
 for said location of changes, in the same manner as the  
 notice and publication was given and made, and as is  
 by law in such case made and provided, before proceed-  
 ing to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition  
 instead of a copy thereof), on the said seventeenth day of  
 September met and proceeded to continue the considera-  
 tion of the matter to the next regular adjourned meeting  
 and so from meeting to meeting until the first day of  
 October, A. D. 1877, and now said Commissioners do pro-  
 ceed to locate said changes as follows, commencing at  
 stone monument on the Easterly side of Road on land  
 of Henry McPhee of Brantville, Thence North  $64^{\circ}30'$  East  
 935 feet Thence North  $52^{\circ}$  East 500 feet Thence North  $31^{\circ}46'$



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East 391 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Thence North 81° 15' East 149 feet. Thence North 41° 30' East 265 feet. Thence North 85° East 479 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Thence North 70° 45' East 41 feet. Thence North 58° 45' East 44 feet. Thence North 45° East 51 feet. Thence North 42° 15' East 116 feet. Thence North 45° 30' East 417 feet. Thence North 61° 30' East 161 feet. Thence North 71° 45' East 212 feet. Thence North 61° East 102 feet. Thence North 80° 30' East 172 feet. Thence North 89° 30' East 307 feet. Thence North 76° East 105 feet. Thence North 85° East 116 feet. Thence North 45° 30' East 195 feet. Thence North 81° 45' East 111 feet. Thence North 89° East 356 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Thence South 87° 30' East 504 feet. Thence South 79° 15' East 168 feet. Thence South 72° 30' East 344 feet. The above laying is for the right hand side or southerly line of the road - and the road is laid three (3) rods wide the entire length. The above laying of road is over land of Henry Peck of Granville (92) Rods and 1 ft. over land of Austin Barnes (35) Rods and over land of Wm. Champlin (38) Rods. (105) Rods and 3 ft. of the road lies in Granville and (26) Rods & 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft. lies in Blandford. Bridge over Mud Hole Brook so called in Granville to be built with log abutments of Chestnut or oak 18 ft in the clear on line of brook and (25) ft. from fan to fan and to be five ft. above the bed of the brook. The super structure may be made of heavy chestnut or oak timbers placed 2 ft 6 in from centers or a truss - but must be 16 ft wide and strong enough to carry seven tons of load with safety. The culvert 303 ft from station six to be made of stone sides 6 ft high and four ft wide - covered with stone and to be not less than 16 ft. long. Twelve culverts to be built on the line of the road at points designated by stakes marked since the culverts to be of stone sides & covering and of capacity to carry all the water that may at any time accumulate - none of the culverts to be less than 18 inches in the clear width & depth. If in the construction of the road it should be found necessary to put in extra sluices they are to be built where needed. All of the culverts to be covered with loam or gravel at least six inches. It is also ordered that a road be constructed in the town of Granville beginning at the fence just at the South East corner of the Beach Hill school House lot Thence South 55° West 247 ft 8 inches to stone monument Thence South 47° West 429 ft to the line of old road. The



above laying so for the right hand side of road, and the laying is 3 rods wide the entire length, and overlaid of 3<sup>rd</sup> Howard or N. T. Howard. And now it is ordered that the said towns of Shannville & Blandford cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said towns to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stumps, stumps, and roots. The top soil where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used as an embankment, if it be so placed, as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least 12 inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 14 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 12 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 14 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 14 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked within the laying its angles, must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches when they are needed, must be constructed



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entirely without the traveled part of the road of 14 feet as above said, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one-half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable, from its weight, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the up hill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or down hill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees, where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler, the railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base, may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joining or splicings of said railing must be made on the summit



or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by cham-  
 fering the joining ends of each of said poles or posts  
 at least one foot in length, in such manner that  
 the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together with  
 the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center  
 of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in  
 a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and  
 a half feet high above the face of the road, not less  
 than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen in-  
 ches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may  
 be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places  
 where it is necessary to have railing, the road if con-  
 structed of earth slope, must be worked sufficiently  
 wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to  
 be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment  
 within the interior or inside thereof not less than 2 feet  
 within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and with-  
 out in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 14  
 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the sides of  
 embankments are constructed, or secured with substantial  
 well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before  
 mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a  
 reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required)  
 said walls must be battered back towards the embank-  
 ment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches  
 to one foot in height the inner face thereof being perpen-  
 dicular, the road need be worked to no greater width  
 than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embank-  
 ment, to furnish a firm support to the railing and the  
 twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part  
 of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be construct-  
 ed with substantial, well-laid stone abutments, and be  
 covered with the same material, with a top covering of  
 not less than twelve inches of good gravel or sand or other  
 good material, and a crowning of the road of 12 inches  
 in addition, except the span of the arch or arches of a  
 bridge, each exceed 4 feet in the clear, when it may be  
 covered with good chestnut or white oak three inch plank.  
 Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the  
 planking must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut  
 timber ten inches in the bottom and inside and sloping



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to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All bridges must be made 18 feet long, measured at right angles with the direction of the road, and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet, and to the width of not less than 14 feet between the railings clear of all obstructions. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone sides or abutments not less than two feet apart, and 18 inches high, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned 18 inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. Trees that have been planted or reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. And said grading is as follows, to wit: No grade shall exceed 4' in 100 ft and no general shall conform to the surface of the ground except that at the stone culvert the hill shall be cut and the hollow



filled, so as not to exceed the grade above mentioned. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars to Henry P. Miller, \$125. the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars to Curtis Barnes, \$125. the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars to Wm. L. Chambers, \$150. and the sum of Fifty Dollars to Wm. Howard, \$50. the same being in full for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing location. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land over which the foregoing location of highway is made, are allowed until the tenth day of October, A. D. 1878, to remove their timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the said towns of Granville and Blandford cause the foregoing location of highway to be made, constructed and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of December, A. D. 1878. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that whenever the said town of Blandford shall have completed that portion of said highway which is within its limits to the acceptance of said Commissioners, there shall be paid to the said town from the County Treasury the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.)

Lucius E. Mayor }  
 Norton L. Hubbard } County  
 Edwin Chase } Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears and now, the said report being read and considered, so accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.



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The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the alterations and repairs at the crossing of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company with Bridge Street in Springfield, located and ordered upon the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Springfield and others, and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of alterations and repairs at the crossing of N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co with Bridge St.

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the alterations and repairs at the crossing of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company with Bridge Street in Springfield, located and ordered upon the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Springfield and others, and having found the same well made & constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted. Provided, that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Rail Road Company, shall, if hereafter be deemed necessary by the County Commissioners, pack with deafening material the space between the flooring of the bridge and the bottom flange of the iron beams as specified in the order of the Commissioners.

Acceptance of alterations and repairs at the crossing of N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co with Bridge St.

Voted That Mr Wells Bridge County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and on account of construction of The South end Bridge the sum of five thousand Dollars, and to execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable on the fifteenth day of May A D 1879 to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he (the said Bridge) shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow \$5,000 on account of the South end Bridge.

Voted That Mr Wells Bridge County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and on account of construction of The South end Bridge the sum of Fifteen

County Treasurer authorized to borrow \$15,000 on account of the South end Bridge.



thousand Dollars, and to execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable on the fifteenth day of May A.D. 1879 to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he (the said Bridge) shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow \$15,000 on account of the South end Bridge

Voted That the Wells Bridge County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and on account of construction of the South end Bridge the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and to execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable on the fifteenth day of May A.D. 1879, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he (the said Bridge) shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum.

Accounts

\$287.27

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for crows and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of two hundred eighty seven dollars and twenty nine cents

Accounts

\$5931.01

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed amounting to the sum of fifty nine hundred and twenty dollars and one cent, and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts

23167.49

Sundry accounts for the construction of the South end Bridge laid out under the provisions of chapter 20 of the acts of the year 1873 amounting to the sum of twenty three thousand sixty seven dollars and forty nine cents are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.



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Judgment is entered up according to request  
and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be con-  
tinued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:

Robert O Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty fourth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

Present Lucius F. Thayer Esq Chairman County  
Wilton S. Hubbard } Commissioners  
Edwin K. Lee.

and by adjournment on the first day of January, on the twenty first and the twenty eighth days of January, on the fourth day of February, on the fourth, twelfth and twenty first days of March & on the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

Present Wilton S. Hubbard Esq Chairman County  
Edwin K. Lee } Commissioners  
Samuel A. Bartholomew } Special  
Ara H. Potter } Commissioners

Homer Fort et al Pet for  
a new highway bridge between  
Springfield and Agawam

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To the Honorable, the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represent the subscribers that the public convenience and necessity require the laying out and construction of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River, at or near the Ferry between the City of Springfield and the Town of Agawam, under the authority and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1872. Therefore your petitioners respectfully request, and humbly pray your Honorable Board, to lay out such highway and bridge, and make an order and take measures for the construction of the same, within such time as you shall deem best Springfield, November, 1875

Homer Fort and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year



of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five and was continued <sup>from meeting to meeting</sup> to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty seventh day of June then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Agawam and the City of Springfield, being the town and city within which such highway and bridge are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in the town of Agawam and the city of Springfield, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty seventh day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same continued the further consideration of the matter to the next regular meeting and so from meeting to meeting until a meeting held on the seventeenth day of July A. D. 1877, when the Commissioners adjudged that public convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty fifth day of September then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in said Springfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid, and the said



Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said bridge and highway, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to vote (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty fifth day of September, next and proceeded to locate and the further consideration of the matter was continued to the next regular meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this meeting, held on this twenty fourth day of December, A. D. 1878, when the Commissioners file their location report as follows, to wit: Beginning the location of said highway on the West side of the River at a stone monument Twenty five (25) feet Northwesterly of a point in the Center line of Bridge produced and eighty seven and two tenths ( $87\frac{2}{10}$ ) feet Westerly of face of Backwall of West abutment, and running South Two Degrees and Thirty minutes ( $2^{\circ} 30'$ ) East Three Hundred and sixty seven (367) ft. to a stone monument Thence South Sixteen Degrees Thirty minutes ( $16^{\circ} 30'$ ) West (Angle  $19^{\circ}$  right) One hundred and forty four (144) feet to a point eight (8) ft. Easterly of the North East corner of foundation to J. Warner's dwelling house, and in line of Southwesterly side. Thence South Forty nine degrees Thirty minutes ( $49^{\circ} 30'$ ) West Forty two and four tenths ( $42\frac{4}{10}$ ) feet to a stone monument in the Northwesterly line of the highway to the Ferry. The above description is for the Westerly line of the Highway and the land taken is bounded Easterly and Southwesterly by Low Water line of the Connecticut River and the Northwesterly line of the present Highway to the Ferry and Beginning the location on the East side of the River at a hole drilled in a stone monument at or near the division line between land of Homer Fort and Richard & Mansfield and in Easterly line of Highway from Springfield to Langwindsor and running Southwesterly in the same course and direction as the Easterly line of present highway on the Northwesterly side of said stone. One hundred and thirty four and seventy five hundredths ( $134\frac{75}{100}$ ) feet Thence turning to the left or Easterly and running Southwesterly



Three hundred forty six and fifteen hundredths (346<sup>15</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) feet to a point in easterly line of present highway and eighty two and one half (82<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) feet Easterly of the Center line between tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad & subway. The above description is for the Easterly line and the location embraces all land lying between said easterly line and the westerly line of Old Highway. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations who expressed a desire to be heard in relation to the question of damages caused by the location aforesaid, did then and there adjudge that there be paid to Richard Dransfield the sum of Fifty Two Dollars \$52.00 to George Bond the sum of Eighteen Dollars \$18.00 and to Homer Warner the sum of Twenty Eight Dollars \$28.00 the same being in full for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing location. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded.

Lucius P. Thayer  
Newton S. Hubbard } County  
Edwin Chase } Commissioners.

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway. The costs of said bridge and highway amounted to \$1275.23 which does not include interest not yet due.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden - Respectfully represent the undersigned that they are legal voters of Wales in said County, that on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May now last past that a petition of eleven legal citizens of said town represented in writing to the Selectmen of said town that the public necessity and convenience required that a town way be located and built in said Wales as follows, commencing on Main St. near the house of David

J. M. Lyon et al. Petrs.  
for a town way in  
Wales



Shepardson Jr and running Easterly through the land of said Shepardson, Elijah Shaw and Egbert Damrock then North-Easterly through land of J. M. Lyon north of the houses of Wm. L. M. Bayon and J. M. Lyon through the lands of L. M. Thompson and Elijah Shaw to the public highway near the Dell Mill. And your petitioners further represents that at a meeting of the legal voters of said town, duly called by the want of the Selectmen thereof on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Sept current, to accept and build said way as laid out by the Selectmen, action was unreasonably refused. Therefore your petitioners being aggrieved by such refusal pray that you will over said premises, cause such way to be laid out, ascertain the plan and course of the same, estimate the damages sustained by any person by reason thereof, and to take such other action as you shall deem meet and proper.

J. M. Lyon and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given, and said petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

J. Lyman Shepard  
Pet for abatement of taxes

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To the County Commissioners of Hampden County  
J. Lyman Shepard of Westfield in said County complains & represents to your Honorable Board that he is aggrieved by the taxes assessed upon him by the assessors of said town for the year 1876 upon certain real estate situated in said Westfield owned by him, that he duly applied to said assessors for an abatement of the taxes assessed upon him, as aforesaid, and said Assessors have within one month refused to make any abatement of said taxes, that he is aggrieved by the action of said Assessors, that he is taxed upon certain real estate of his more than his just proportion.



and also its fair cash value. Wherefore he prays that a hearing may be had before your Honorable body, & that such an abatement of his said taxes may be made as you shall deem reasonable.

Westfield Oct 18 1877.

J. Symon Shepard.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight at which meeting it was ordered that the petitioner cause notice to be given to the inhabitants of the Town of Westfield, in said County, of the pendency of said complaint, and that a hearing would be had upon the same at the Probate Court Room, in Westfield, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By serving one of the Selectmen of said Westfield, with an attested copy of said complaint and this order thirty days at least before said seventeenth day of December, that they might then and there show cause why the prayer of said complaint should not be granted. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now the following decree is filed. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Probate Court. County Commissioners Meeting, January 1<sup>st</sup> 1879. In the matter of the petition of J. Symon Shepard, of Westfield, in said County, for abatement of taxes, the Commissioners having given due notice, met for hearing at Westfield, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of December, and by adjournment at Springfield, on the twenty sixth day of December, A. D. 1878, and by adjournment on the first day of January, A. D. 1879, and having fully heard the parties on said last named day it appearing to the Commissioners that the complainant is situated upon his house and lot on Franklin Street in Westfield, said Commissioners do abate his tax on said premises to the sum of twenty two dollars and one cent.

By order of the Commissioners.

Robert W. Morris Clerk







Resolved That Mr. Wells Bridge County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and on account of construction of 'The South end Bridge' such sums of money as have accrued or as shall hereafter accrue as interest upon moneys given for loans of money upon account of construction of said Bridge, and to execute and deliver note or notes therefor payable to the order of the Third National Bank of Springfield, Mass. on demand with interest at the rate of three and three fourths per cent per annum.

Derivative Printing, 27  
County Treasurer authorized  
to borrow money to pay  
interest on notes  
South End Bridge

Resolved That Mr. Wells Bridge County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and on account of construction of 'The South end Bridge' the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and to execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable on demand after date to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he (the said Bridge) shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized  
to borrow \$50,000 on  
acct of South End  
Bridge

Estimated Expenses of the County of Hampden for the year 1879 with the Amount necessary to be raised by Tax.

County Estimate

For Payment of Taxes	5000.00	
• Services • Officers	200.00	
• Officers of Courts & meals of Jurors	1400.00	
• Salaries of Special & County Commissioners	1700.00	
• Land Damages	1200.00	
• Sheriff Jurors	150.00	
• Pub. Commissioners Notices	250.00	
• Surveys of Highways	100.00	
• Construction of Highways & Monuments	1200.00	
• Medical Examiners	450.00	11600.00

At Jail and House of Correction

For Provisions	600.00
• Clothing	700.00
• Fuel and Lights	1500.00



For Beds and Bedding	312.00	
• Salaries of Officers	3122.00	
• Board of Officers & Employees	1550.00	
• Repairs	400.00	
• Construction	200.00	
• Furniture & Utensils	300.00	
• Miscellaneous Expenses	300.00	
• Medicine and Attendance	300.00	1370.00

### At Court House

For Salary of Messenger & Engineer	1400.00	
• Record Books and Stationery	1300.00	
• Law Library	550.00	
• Repairs Old & New Court House	600.00	
• Fuel and Lights	1500.00	
• Clerk of Courts	800.00	
• Salary of Sheriff	1250.00	
• Treasurer	1500.00	
• Examiners of Accounts	50.00	
• Legal Expenses	100.00	
• Criminal Costs	5000.00	
• Interest on County Notes	1950.00	
• Sinking Fund	4000.00	
• County Indebtedness for Orders drawn on the Treasury	3500.00	40550.00

### Salaries of the Justices of the Peace

Court of Springfield, Holyoke & Chicopee 5600.00

### Salary of the Justice of the Eastern

Hampden District Court 1000.00

### Salary of the Clerk of the Police

Court of Springfield 1200.00

### For services of the Special Justices

of the Police & District Courts 400.00 9200.00

Total Estimate 74250.00

Deduct estimated receipts 4350.00

Amount called for by Tax 71000.00

Norton P. Hubbard } County  
 Edwin Chase } Commissioners  
 Paul A. Bartholomew } Spec Commissioner



(Am.) Samuel Tilly Esquire of Springfield declared by the board of voters elected County Commissioner for the term of three years, declines to serve.

December Meeting 1877  
Samuel Tilly elected  
County Commissioner  
declines to serve

The sum of seven hundred and three dollars and sixty cents is allowed for damages done to sheep and other domestic animals by dogs and for services performed under Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1877, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said act.

Sheep Damages  
\$703.60

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiner for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth thereof amounting to the sum of thirty five dollars and ninety cents.

Accounts

35.90

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed amounting to the sum of eight thousand nine hundred seventy eight dollars and forty two cents and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts

8978.42

Sundry accounts for the construction of the South End Bridge laid out under the provisions of Chapter 350 of the acts of the year 1873 amounting to the sum of twenty five ~~thousand~~ five thousand five hundred sixty five dollars and ninety one cents are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts

25565.71

Hampden ss April 1 1877.

Judgment is entered up according to reports in and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest.

Robert O Morris

Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commission  
now begun and holden at Springfield within and for the  
County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the eighth  
day of April, and by adjournment on the fifteenth and six-  
teenth days of said month, on the sixth, thirteenth, twentieth,  
twenty seventh, twenty eighth, twenty ninth and thirty  
first days of May, and on the third, eighteenth and  
nineteenth days of June in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and seventy nine.

Present Newton S. Hoiland Chairman } County  
Edwin Grace } Commissioners  
Samuel A. Bartholomew Special }  
Ora S. Potter }

John H. Clark, Vice President of the Hampden County Commission of Hampden County  
vs (Plt. for a Jury)

The Town of Holyoke  
The complaint of the Holyoke Water Power Company, a  
corporation established by law and having a usual  
place of business at Holyoke in said County of  
Hampden, sheweth that said corporation is the owner  
of a certain tract of land, situated in said Holyoke,  
described as follows, to wit: bounded Northerly by land  
of R. M. Baker & Sons and other land of said Compa-  
ny, Easterly by land of said Baker and Baker,  
Northerly by other land of said Company, and  
Westerly by land of Connecticut River Railroad Compa-  
ny. That on the twenty third day of September A.D.  
1877 the Selectmen of said Town of Holyoke laid out  
a public highway from Crescent Street in said Holy-  
oke, Easterly and Northerly to other land of com-  
plainant which said highway is laid, in part,  
over and upon the land of Company aforesaid and  
said selectmen received and awarded to your com-  
plainant damages therefor, and that subsequently to wit  
on the thirtieth day of the same September the town  
of Holyoke duly accepted the said highway as laid  
out by the Selectmen as aforesaid, and the said Town  
have entered upon your complainant's land, and con-  
structed the highway aforesaid, and your complainant



is aggrieved by the doing of the Election in the assessment of its damages as aforesaid. Therefore your complainant prays that it may have the matter of its complaint determined by a jury as provided by law and that your honorable body after due proceeding had in the premises will cause a jury to be summoned to determine the said matter.

Dated at Springfield Sept 9. 1872.

Holyoke Water Power Company  
by Leonard & Little attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield aforesaid, on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September current at two o'clock P.M. and that the petitioners cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon the Town of Holyoke seven days at least before the said 28<sup>th</sup> day of September that they might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of Hampden County. Horace Little (Petitioner for a Jury)

Respectfully represents your petitioner Horace Little of Springfield Hampden County that he is the owner of a certain parcel of Real Estate situated in said Springfield, bounded Westerly by land of Elyah Sackett, Northerly by land of the Boston & Albany Rail Road Company, Easterly by



Monroe Street and Southbury by Leominster Street that the Rail Road Company have a Rail Road Company established by Law have taken a portion thereof for the use of their road as well appear by the plans of said Company's location now on file and he has sustained damages thereby. And your honorable body upon petition have awarded unto the petitioner damages therefor and your petitioner avers that he is dissatisfied with the estimate of his damages by the board and hereby asks that a jury may be summoned as by Law provided to assess and determine his damages sustained by him by the taking of his land as aforesaid.

Dated at Springfield August 3 1873

Horace Hibbs

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

New York, New Haven &  
Hartford R.R. Co. Petr.  
to take land belonging  
to City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners of Hamden County.  
Respectfully represents your petitioner the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, that it is the owner of a Rail road, duly located in part in Springfield in said County. That public convenience and necessity, and the necessities of your petitioner require that it should take land outside of its location in said Springfield for depot and station purposes to wit: sufficient land on Bridge Street lying next east of their present location to lay another Railroad track, and a proper crossing over the same over which said land the City of Springfield have located a portion of said Bridge Street. Therefore your petitioner prays after due proceedings had in the premises your Honorable Board will prescribe the limits within which the said land may be taken.  
New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company by Leonard & Hill



The foregoing petition was taken at a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, when it was ordered by the Commissioners that they would meet for the purpose of hearing and acting upon said petition at the Court House Springfield on Tuesday the second day of September next at ten o'clock in the forenoon and that the said petitioners give notice of the time and place of said meeting by causing the said City of Springfield to be served with an attested copy of said petition and this order seven days at least before the said second day of September that they might then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Geo. B. Fick (Pet. for  
 Respectfully represents George B. Fick of a Jury) as  
 Springfield in said County that he is the owner The City of Springfield  
 of a certain parcel of land situate on the east side  
 of Chestnut Street in said Springfield with the  
 buildings thereon standing which said lot is bound-  
 ed on the North by land belonging to the Estate  
 of Stephen S. Davis deceased on the East by land  
 of the Estate of D. H. Lapham on the south by land  
 of William Davis, and on the West by said Chest-  
 nut Street. That on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1874,  
 the City Council of said City of Springfield passed  
 an order that said Chestnut Street should be  
 lowered, and the grade changed, and under said  
 order the grade of said Street has been changed  
 and lowered in front of the said lot of your pe-  
 titioner and said lot has thereby been rendered  
 inaccessible, and has been greatly depreciated in value.  
 Your petitioner further represents that the said City  
 Council, on the said 13<sup>th</sup> day of July awarded him  
 only the sum of \$25.00 for the injury caused to



his lot aforesaid, which was wholly inadequate for the actual damages done to it your petitioner being aggrieved thereby, now prays that he may have a jury to assess the damages which he has suffered as aforesaid, and that a warrant may issue according to law for such purpose.

Per L. Fick

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield aforesaid on Tuesday the seventh day of September next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said seventh day of September, that they might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five, and by adjournment on the twelfth day of said October, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Horace Noble (Pet for a Jury) is.  
The City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners of Hampshire County  
Respectfully represents your petitioner Horace Noble of Springfield Massachusetts, that he is the owner of certain real estate situated in said Springfield, bounded Northerly by Arroy Street and Southerly by land of one E. Cabott That the Board of Aldermen of the City of Springfield on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June A.D. 1875 ordered a sewer to be constructed over and upon your petitioner's said land, which sewer has been built and on the same day awarded your petitioner damages occasioned to it by reason thereof And your petitioner avers that he is aggrieved by the damage



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of said Board in its award to your petitioner of damages as aforesaid and pray that after due proceedings held on the premises a Jury may be summoned to ascertain and determine the amount of the damages to said land by the location and construction of said sewer.

Horace Little

By his Attorney

Leonard & Little

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Monday the thirty-first day of July next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the said Board of Aldermen fourteen days at least before the said thirty first day of July that they might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year last aforesaid, and by adjournment on the twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully represents your petitioner the Hampden Paint and Chemical Works of Springfield, Massachusetts. That they are the owners of certain real estate situated in said Springfield and bounded and described as follows. Beginning at the Easterly line of Amory Street thence Easterly Three Rods wide Eighty Three feet thence

The Hampden Paint & Chemical Works (Pet. for a Jury)

The Off. Atty. & Co. Plt.



containing & abutting Four Rods wide One Thousand and Eight feet to land now or formerly belonging to Phelps and Watson, containing one acre and ninety nine rods more or less. That in the location and construction of the extension of the Springfield, Athol and North Eastern Railroad from Barre Junction to said Springfield said railroad company took certain lands belonging to your petitioner, the same being above more fully described, to the great damage and detriment of your petitioner. That after due proceedings according to law your petitioner was awarded by your Honorable Board certain damages in the taking of said land by said railroad company. And your petitioner avers that he is greatly aggrieved, though, therefore your petitioner prays that after due proceedings in the premises a jury may be summoned by your Honorable Board to determine the amount of damages which has been sustained as aforesaid.

Hamden Plant & Chemical Works

by its atty Leonard & Wells

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Monday the thirty-first day of July next at ten o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of his order thereon to be served upon the said Springfield, Athol and North Eastern Railroad Company fourteen days at least before the said thirty-first day of July, that they might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June and by adjournment on the ninth day of September, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his deputy to summon a jury of twelve



men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven when a receipt was received from the Supreme Judicial Court to wit: "Verdict set aside." And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire

L. J. Wolcott et al. Petrs  
for relocation of highway  
in Westfield

Respectfully represent the subscribers inhabitants of the town of Westfield in said County that the highway leading from Westfield from a point near the house of Peter Parent in said Westfield in a southerly direction past Little River School House to Powder Mill Bridge or called is crooked & without monuments in some places and the highway leading from the said School house in an Easterly direction past Drews Mill or called to a point on the said road opposite the house of one Edy Atkins is crooked & without monuments in some places. Your petitioners therefore pray that your honors will view the said Highways & now locate straight in & monument the same as by law in such cases made & provided.

Dated at Westfield Third P<sup>th</sup> of Dec. 1877

L. J. Wolcott and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the sixteenth day of May then next and two o'clock in the forenoon at the Little River School House, in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing



the premises, and caused a copy of said petition  
 to be spread upon the block of the town of Springfield,  
 being the town within which such relocation is desired,  
 for thirty days at least before the time appointed for  
 said view, and also caused abstracts of said peti-  
 tion, containing the substance thereof, to be posted  
 in two public places in said town, and also gave  
 notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of  
 said petition to be published three weeks successively  
 in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper  
 published in said County, said posting and the  
 last publication of said copy having been fourteen  
 days at least before the time appointed for said view,  
 and before said view was had, said Commissioners  
 gave notice in like manner as described in the  
 foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interest-  
 ed, of the time and place for commencing said  
 view. And on the said sixteenth day of May,  
 the Commissioners met at the time and place ap-  
 pointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and hav-  
 ing viewed the same the parties were heard, and  
 after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to  
 consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said  
 petition, and after considering the same, said Com-  
 missioners did adjudge that common convenience  
 and necessity require that the prayer of the petition  
 be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid,  
 said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the fifteenth  
 day of April, then next, and two o'clock in the fore-  
 noon, at the Little River School House, in said Spring-  
 field, as the time and place when and where they  
 would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and  
 the said Commissioners having given notice of the  
 adjudication and the time and place appointed for  
 said relocation, in the same manner as the notice  
 and publication was given and made, and as is  
 by law in such case made and provided, before pro-  
 ceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said  
 petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fifteenth  
 day of April met and proceeded to relocate as follows:  
 Commencing at a stone monument in the Southern



line of the highway from Holford to Springfield about 251  
 feet Westly of County Bridge (or called) and running  
 South Twenty five (25) degrees Twenty one (21) minutes East  
 Forty seven (47) feet to a stone monument. Thence 4 de-  
 grees 55 minutes to the right or Westly course South  
 Ten (10) degrees Twenty five (25) minutes East Eighty  
 seven (87) feet. The width at this point is sixty  
 two and one half (62 1/2) feet. Thence same course  
 Twenty seven and one half (27 1/2) feet to a stone mon-  
 ument on land of Peter Pount. Thence Fourteen (14) degrees  
 Nine (9) minutes to the right or Westly. course South  
 Three (3) degrees Forty four (44) minutes West Two Hun-  
 dred nineteen (199) feet to a stone monument on  
 land of E. J. Snow. The width at this point is  
 Sixty (60) feet. Thence 16 degrees 36 minutes to the right  
 course South Nineteen (19) degrees Twenty (20) minutes  
 West One Hundred ninety seven and one half (197 1/2)  
 feet to a stone monument. Width at this point  
 Sixty six feet. Thence Seven (7) degrees Fifty eight (58)  
 minutes left course South eleven (11) degrees twenty  
 two (22) minutes West One Hundred thirty two (132)  
 feet. Width at this point is (4 rods) Sixty six feet  
 Thence 6 degrees 56 minutes left course South Four (4)  
 degrees Twenty six (26) minutes West One Hundred  
 Twenty (120) feet to a stone monument width (4 rods)  
 Sixty six (66) feet. Thence 5 degrees 3 minutes left course  
 South Thirty six (36) (5 degrees 36 min) minutes East Two  
 Hundred thirty five (235) feet. Width (2 rods) sixty six  
 feet. Thence same course Two Hundred fourteen  
 (214) feet to a stone monument at the South East  
 corner of lot supposed to belong to Dea Arthur. Width  
 at this point is Fifty five (55) feet. Thence Ten (10)  
 degrees Twenty (20) minutes right course South Nine  
 (9) degrees Forty five (45) minutes West One Hundred eighty  
 five (185) feet. Width at this point Seventy three (73) feet.  
 Thence same course One Hundred twenty five (125) feet  
 to a stone monument near old canal bank. Width  
 at this point at right angles to last course eighty  
 (80) feet. Thence Nine (9) degrees 26 minutes right course  
 South Nineteen (19) degrees Thirty (30) minutes West Eighty  
 eight (88) feet. Width Eighty four (84) feet. Thence same



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course One Hundred thirty three (33) feet North at  
this point Seventy five (75) feet thence same course  
Seventy four (74) feet to a stone monument. Width at  
this point sixty three (63) feet thence eight (8) degrees two  
to two (22) minutes right, course South Twenty seven  
(27) degrees Fifty two (52) minutes West six hundred  
thirty eight and one half (638 1/2) feet. Width at this  
point is Seventy (70) feet thence same course Ninety  
(90) feet to a stone monument. thence to be on the  
Northerly line of E. Russell's lot. Width seventy eight  
(78) feet thence Five (5) degrees Thirty one (31) minutes left  
course South Twenty two (22) degrees Twenty one (21) min-  
ute West One Hundred forty six (146) feet to a stone  
monument the width at this point is (across) Eighty  
two and one half (82 1/2) feet thence six (6) degrees left  
course South Station 12 degrees Twenty one (21) minutes  
West Seven Hundred ten (710) feet. Width at this point  
(across) Eighty two and one half (82 1/2) feet to a stone  
monument at the intersection of the Northerly line of  
Highway to Little River Mills and the Easterly line  
of Highway herein described thence same course  
Two Hundred Eighteen (218) feet Width at this point  
Twenty eight and one half (28 1/2) feet thence same course  
Six Hundred and fifty nine (659) feet to a stone mon-  
ument the width at this point is Sixty nine (69) feet  
The above description is for the Westerly line the width  
being as herein specified. | The commencing at a  
stone monument heretofore mentioned at the inter-  
section of the Easterly and Northerly lines of Highway  
herein described and Easterly of School Land. The  
width at this point at right angles to the forward  
course is One Hundred Thirteen (113) feet The Northerly  
line extends Westerly and Northerly from last named  
point by a curve having a radius of One Hundred  
six (106) feet to a point on the Easterly line of the  
Highway heretofore described. One Hundred Eighty one  
(181) feet Northerly of above mentioned stone monu-  
ment. From the above described stone monument the  
Northerly line runs South Forty eight (48) degrees Thirty  
30 minutes East One Hundred seven (107) feet Width  
seventy seven (77) feet thence same course One Hundred



across on 170 feet width at this point nearly seven 100 feet  
 thence same course Thence 1 hundred sixty seven (167) feet to a  
 stone monument. The width at this point is One hundred  
 thirty two and one half (132 1/2) feet to the South East corner  
 of Henry Pease's House Lot. At this point is an offset  
 in the Northerly line along the westerly line of James  
 Pease Lot of 32 1/2 feet to the South East corner of said  
 lot making the width for the forward course Ninety  
 eight (98) feet. Thence Course 41 degree seventeen (17) minutes  
 eight course South Forty seven (47) degree Thirteen (13)  
 minutes East One hundred fifty three (153) feet to a  
 stone monument. Width at this point is One hundred  
 (100) feet to the South East corner of said James Pease  
 lot at this point is an offset in the Northerly line  
 along the Westerly line of the Drur Lot of Fifty feet  
 making the width for the forward course Eighty four  
 (84) feet Thence same course Two hundred forty six (246)  
 feet to a stone monument at or near William En-  
 signs House Lot. The width at this point is Forty  
 seven (47) feet. Thence Southerly at right angles to last  
 course Thirty (30) feet to a stone monument making  
 the width for the forward course seventy seven (77) feet.  
 Thence South Easterly in the direction of a point forty  
 two (42) feet Southerly of the South East corner of Little  
 River First Mill measured at right angles to this  
 course to a stone monument at or near the Westerly  
 line of Highway to Fording Hall. The width at a  
 distance of One hundred fifty five feet from begin-  
 ning of last course is sixty (60) feet to the South East  
 corner of shed attached to said First Mill. The  
 Northerly line runs Southerly as said shed 19 feet  
 making the width for the forward course Forty one  
 (41) feet. Thence same course Thirty two (32) feet the  
 width at this point is Forty two (42) feet to the South  
 East corner of said Mill as heretofore specified. Thence  
 same course One hundred two (102) feet. The width at  
 this point is sixty five (65) feet to a point at the angle  
 of the Northerly and Westerly line near the Easterly  
 end of Bridge. Thence same course to said stone  
 monument at or near the Westerly line of said High-  
 way to Fording Hall. Also commencing at a stone



monument about One Hundred eighteen (118) feet East-  
 ibly of the East end of Bridge near said First Mill  
 and measuring North thirty nine (39) degrees East Fourteen  
 (14) feet to a point directly north (11) feet East of said  
 point at the angle of North and West. Thence same course  
 One Hundred sixty one (161) feet to a stone monument  
 at the North West corner of Henry Hubbard's lot the  
 width at right angles to the last corner is Fifty  
 (50) feet and at right angles to the forward corner  
 the width is seventy four (74) feet. Thence South seven-  
 ty eight (78) degrees Thirty (30) minutes East Eighty (80)  
 feet. Width at this point eighty six (86) feet. Thence  
 same course Fifty (50) feet. Width at this point seventy  
 two (72) feet. Thence same course Two Hundred two  
 (202) feet. Width at this point seventy two (72) feet. Thence  
 South eighty seven (87) degrees Fifty (50) minutes East Two  
 Hundred Fifty seven (257) feet to a stone monu-  
 ment. Width at this point (4 rods) sixty six feet. Thence  
 South eighty six (86) degrees Fifteen (15) minutes East Two  
 Hundred seventy one (271) feet to a stone monument  
 front of Elias Loomis' house. Width (4 rods) sixty six  
 feet. Thence North eighty (80) degrees East Twenty seven  
 (27) feet to a stone monument. Width (4 rods) sixty six  
 feet. Thence North Eighty five (85) degrees East Two Hun-  
 dred thirty seven (237) feet to a stone monument the  
 site the Easterly end of the Barn on the Bailey lot  
 width (4 rods) sixty six feet. The above description is for  
 the Southern and Easterly lines of Highway. The  
 width to be as herein specified.

Variation of Width Nine degrees Thirty minutes West.  
 Place stone monuments at the angles of the survey 3  
 feet long 3 feet in the ground. The County Com-  
 missioners having heard all persons and corporations  
 who expressed a desire to be heard in relation to  
 the question of damages caused by the relocation afo-  
 said, did then and there adjudge that there be paid  
 by the said town of Westfield to Anna Ensign the  
 sum of Twenty Dollars \$20.00 to Henry Hubbard the  
 sum of Five Dollars \$5.00 to Henry Sherman the  
 sum of Ten Dollars \$10.00 the same being in full.



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for all damage sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Board, no more than being entitled to damages, none other are awarded. The owners of land over which the aforesaid roads are located, are allowed until the first day of July A.D. 1877 to remove their timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the Board, that the said town of Westfield cause the foregoing location of highway to be made, constructed and completed to the satisfaction of the Board, on or before the first day of October A.D. 1877.

Newton S. Blackland } County  
Edwin Chase } Commissioners  
Paul A. Bartholomew } Special Com.

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition fully appears, and now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established is and for a public highway.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents the undersigned that he is a citizen and legal voter of Palmer in said County that on the thirty first day of May now last past he with fifty four other legal citizens of said town presented his written petition to the Selectmen of said town requesting that the public convenience and necessity required that a town way should be located and built in the Debet Village of said Palmer as follows. Beginning at a point on the Northern side of Main Street between the Hancock House block and the Tickwether House block thence in a Northern direction across lands of John M. Lawrence, Lydia E. and Homer L. Strong, Melvin S. Shaw, Lydia M. H. Shaw, Mary Ann Shaw and John Strong to and across Pleasant street and lands of sons of Enoch Marshall, Nathaniel S. Brayman, J. H. Lawrence and Sumner Leach to and across

To Mr. Sagar Lib  
for a town way in  
Palmer



Pack Street and lands of Henry J. Holden Men Albert  
 Burleigh and lands now dedicated to a street to a  
 point indicated by a walnut tree and praying said  
 Selectmen to lay out and build said way and take  
 such other action as to them should seem meet and  
 further all of which will appear by the petition now  
 on file with said Selectmen - That said Selectmen  
 gave due notice to all parties interested in said pe-  
 tition and after having heard said parties on the  
 second day of September current unreasonably refused  
 to lay out a town way as prayed for in said peti-  
 tion or take any further action under said petition as  
 by endorsement on said petition will appear. Therefore  
 your petitioner being aggrieved by such refusal respect-  
 fully prays that you will view said premises cause  
 such way to be laid out as prayed for in said  
 petition ascertain the place and course of the same  
 and estimate the damages sustained by any person  
 by reason thereof and to take such other action as to  
 you shall seem meet and further.

Dated at Palmer September 16<sup>th</sup> 1875

J. W. Eager

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
 the County Commissioners holden at Springfield  
 within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday  
 of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
 hundred and seventy eight at which meeting the  
 Commissioners, turning a view of the premises where-  
 abouts situated Tuesday, the twenty second day of  
 October then next and eight o'clock in the forenoon  
 at the Depot of the Boston and Albany Rail Road  
 Company in Palmer, as the time and place for view-  
 ing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition  
 to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, being  
 the town within which such town way is prayed for,  
 thirty days at least before the time appointed for said  
 view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, con-  
 taining the substance thereof, to be posted in two pub-  
 lic places in said town, and also gave notice to all  
 persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to  
 be published three weeks successively in the Palmer



Journal a newspaper published in said County, said  
 hearing and the last publication of said copy having been  
 fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said  
 view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners  
 so gave notice in like manner as described in the fore-  
 going notice of the petition to all persons interested, of  
 the time and place for commencing said view. And  
 on the said twenty second day of October the Com-  
 missioners met at the time and place appointed,  
 and proceeded to view the premises, and having  
 viewed the same the parties were heard, and after  
 the hearing, said Commissioners proceed to consid-  
 er and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition,  
 and after considering the same, said Commission-  
 ers did adjudge that the said Selectmen had  
 unreasonably neglected and refused to lay out said  
 town way, and that the common convenience  
 and necessity required that the prayer of the peti-  
 tion should be granted, and after adjudicating as  
 aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday  
 the seventh day of May then next and eight o'clock  
 in the forenoon, at the Nassauwauke House, in said  
 Palmer, as the time and place when and where  
 they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid,  
 and the said Commissioners having given notice  
 of the adjudication and the time and place appointed  
 for said location, in the same manner as the no-  
 tice and publication was given and made, and  
 as is by law in such case made and provided,  
 before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract  
 of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said  
 seventh day of May, met and proceeded to locate  
 as follows: Palmer Street in Palmer. Beginning at  
 an unknown point on the easterly side of Main  
 Street, and running thence North sixty degrees and  
 fifty minutes East an unknown distance to a point  
 eight feet southerly of the Southwesterly corner of the  
 Hotel building owned by John Converse and  
 known as the Freemasons House, said point being  
 strictly in range of the face of the front walls of  
 said building, and thence running the before mentioned



direction seven hundred and four feet and five  
 tenths to the westerly line of Park Street, the line  
 passing the southwesterly corner of the dwelling house  
 of the late S. S. Adams at a distance of three and  
 one fourth feet from the corner stone of the under-  
 pinning thereof, and the southeasterly corner of the  
 dwelling house of Lawrence Leach, at a distance of  
 nine and ten twelfths feet from the front corner  
 of the underpinning thereof, thence across Park Street  
 North sixty seven degrees and forty minutes east  
 fifty and ten twelfths feet to the southwesterly corner  
 of a granite pier forming the foundation of the iron  
 fence in front of the dwelling house of Henry P.  
 Holden, thence North sixty degrees and thirty five  
 minutes East ten hundred and eighteen feet to a  
 stake thirty two feet North of a Walnut Tree. The  
 line thus run and described constitutes the Northern  
 line of the street, the same being hereby located  
 thirty feet in width southerly and to the right of  
 the described line. And now it is ordered that the  
 said town of Palmer cause the road aforesaid which  
 is within the limits of the said town of Palmer to  
 be worked, made, and completed in the most faith-  
 ful and workmanlike manner, and as follows to  
 wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed,  
 where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly  
 cleared of stumps, and roots. The top soil,  
 where it is unsuitable for making a hard and  
 permanent road, must be removed out of the  
 traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if  
 it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of  
 the surface of the road when finished. Where the ma-  
 terials within the traveled part of the road are un-  
 suitable for making a hard and durable road, and  
 the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey  
 character, a top covering of at least 8 inches of good  
 gravel or some other good material (the best that  
 can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or  
 without the location of the road) will be required  
 over the whole width of 20 feet for the traveled part  
 of the road. When the subsoil is sand, the said traveled



part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 8 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 20 feet exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 20 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 20 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road, two and a half feet at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one-half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable, from its weight, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made partly by embankment, and partly



by excavation, the road must be raised, in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees, where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler, the railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls stone two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splittings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or posts, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splitting. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the



posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 20 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required,) said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendicular, the road must be worked to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well-laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a covering of the road of 8 inches in addition except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each exceed three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All bridges must be made twenty-four feet long, measured at right angle with the direction of the road, and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet, and to the width of not less than 20 feet between the railing clear of all obstructions. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner,



with good firm, straight stone sides or abutments not less than two feet apart and 27 inches high, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said chimneys must be crowned 8 inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building, in the best shape for placing in a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect, otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the abutments thereto. Provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing. (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are



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not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. And it is further ordered that the grading of road aforesaid which is within the town of Palmer be so worked as not in any place to exceed the angle of ascent or descent from a horizontal line hereafter mentioned. The grade pins in all places in the center of the location, are all driven down to near the surface of the earth and the summits or tops of said pins are the points of admeasurement for ascertaining the amount of excavation or embankment. The summits or tops of those pins that are at grade, in connection with the line of inclination, represent the base of the traveled part of the road and the crowning of 8 inches required by this order is, in all cases, to be considered as placed on or above the tops or summits of said pins and line. The grade pins that are mentioned in this description as being numbered, have a stake driven by the side of them, bearing the same number as the side stake opposite said grade pin and accompanying stake. Near the residences of B. B. and Mr. E. Shaw grade sufficiently to take the surface water from the street. Work the road to the street near the residence of Francis M. Eager. Place monuments at the angles of the survey 3 feet long 2 feet in the ground. There are at Drain Street near the hotel below the surface. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations who expressed a desire to be heard in relation to the question of damages caused by the location aforesaid, did then and there adjudge that there be paid by the said town of Palmer to Mrs. Albert Busby the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars, \$125.00 to Calvin H. Johnson the sum of Fifty Dollars, \$50.00 to H. B. Babin and the sum of Thirty Dollars, \$30.00 to Henry J.



Holden the sum of Fifty Dollars \$50.00 to Mr. W. French  
 the sum of Two Hundred Dollars \$200.00 to Sumner  
 each the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars  
 \$275.00 to the Marshall the sum of One Hundred  
 and Twenty Five Dollars \$125.00 to Dick L. L. Shaw  
 the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars \$125.00  
 to Lucy M. Shaw the sum of One Hundred Dollars  
 \$100.00 to John Furry the sum of Sixty Two Dollars  
 \$62.00 to Nathaniel Braman the sum of One  
 Hundred Seventy Five Dollars \$175.00 to Mrs. L. E.  
 and H. L. Shong at Wrentham Mass. the sum of  
 Two Hundred Dollars \$200.00 the same being in full  
 compensation for all damages sustained by them  
 in consequence of the foregoing location of highway.  
 No other persons or corporations having appeared to  
 claim damages, and in the opinion of the Com-  
 missioners none others being entitled to damages,  
 none others are awarded. And it is further ordered  
 by the County Commissioners that the said town  
 of Palmer cause the foregoing location of high-  
 way to be made, constructed and completed to  
 the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or  
 before the first day of October, A. D. 1879. And  
 it is further ordered by the County Commis-  
 sioners that the town of Palmer pay to the County of  
 Haverden the costs of these proceedings. The owners of  
 land over which the foregoing location of high-  
 way is made, are allowed until the first day  
 of July, A. D. 1879, to remove their timber, trees and  
 fences therefrom.

Newton S. Hubbard } County

Edwin Chase } Commissioners.

Lois A. Potter Special Commissioner

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners  
 filed among the proceedings in the aforesaid petition,  
 fully appears. And now the said report being read  
 and considered, is accepted, and the road estab-  
 lished as and for a public highway.

Contract for furnishing  
 East Haverden with coal  
 awarded Isaac Muth

June 3 Contract for furnishing the East Haverden and Jail with coal awarded  
 Isaac Muth for \$289 per gross ton for one year



W. Royce is licensed as a Common Victualer and Innholder at his hotel situated in the town of Hale

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W. H. Day is licensed as an Innholder at his hotel situated in the town of Chester, on the premises known as the Chester House.

Licenses  
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Amos Munroe is licensed as a Common Victualer or at his hotel situated in the town of Springfield

Licenses  
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(April 1) Contract for furnishing Jail & House of Correction with meat, awarded A. H. Allen for year Jail & House of Correction ending April 1, 1890. for corned beef  $4\frac{1}{2}^c$  per pound, with meat awarded Shanks  $3\frac{1}{2}^c$  per pound. Salt Pork  $7^c$  per pound. Former A. H. Allen contract revoked.

(April 1) Contract for furnishing the Court House and Jail with ice awarded to Geo. A. Flagg for \$49 per year.

Contract for furnishing Jail & Court House with ice awarded Geo. A. Flagg

(April 15) C. B. Moulton is awarded the contract for making certain repairs at the House of Correction for \$935.

Contract for making repairs at House of Correction awarded C. B. Moulton

(May 1) The contract for labor of the prisoners at the House of Correction awarded to A. F. Ball of Springfield for three years commencing July 1, 1879. at twelve cents per day for each prisoner.

Contract for labor of prisoners awarded A. F. Ball

Resolved That Mr. Wells Bridge County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and in anticipation of the County Tax a sum of money not exceeding Twenty five thousand Dollars, and to make execute and deliver note or notes to

County Treasurer authorized to borrow in anticipation of the County Tax



that amount payable during the month of October next to the order of such Bank, Institution Corporation or Individual as he (the said Bridge) shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to give up note to Comrs of Sinking Fund

Mr. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, is hereby authorized, upon the payment of any note secured by mortgage to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to give up the note and discharge the mortgage securing the same.

County Treasurer authorized to transfer to Sinking Fund

Mr. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of Hampden County, is hereby ordered to transfer from the Funds in his hands as County Treasurer to his account as Treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said County the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and to hold the same subject to order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said County.

County Tax assessed

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court passed at their present session April 30<sup>th</sup> 1879, granting a Tax of sixty eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$68,500) for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said County in manner following.

Aquinn	1129.73	Quintgomery	127.29
Blandford	365.97	Palmer	1654.83
Brimfield	525.09	Russell	365.97
Chester	493.27	Southwick	556.90
Chicopee	5139.44	Springfield	35853.64
Cranville	381.88	Tolland	215.86
Holland	111.38	Wales	397.70
Holyoke	9165.08	Westfield	6317.00
Longmeadow	1209.29	West Springfield	2641.36
Rudlow	493.27	Wilbraham	875.14
Uxbridge	1288.85		

And warrants have been issued dated May thirtieth



eighteen hundred and seventy nine, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said County, directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Comptables to collect the same, and pay the same to Mr. Hells Bridge, Esquire, County Treasurer, or his successor or order, by the last day of September ensuing, as the law directs.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for and of Hampden County.

J. D. Cook et al. Pet.  
for a new location of  
town way in Wilbraham  
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The undersigned citizens and tax payers in the Town of Wilbraham, respectfully represent that the now traveled road leading from the intersection of Faculty Street (or called) and past the dwelling house of Mrs. L. H. M. Merrill, across the brook at the foot of the hill - is sandy, crooked and liable to wash badly in rains. For that said Mrs. Merrill has volunteered to give the land for the purpose of needed improvements. We therefore ask your Board to view and examine the locality at your earliest convenience and make such new ways, gradings, fillings, and improvements as you in your judgment think your petitioners are entitled to, and also to establish the bounds thereof, and as in duty bound will ever pray  
Wilbraham Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1877

J. D. Cook and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Hon the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

John O'Donnell et al.  
Pet. for a new town way  
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The undersigned citizens, taxpayers and residents in Holyoke pray that a roadway two rods wide may be laid out and constructed in Holyoke, from Dwight Street to the Catholic Cemetery through the lands of J. C. Ewing and Albert H. Page of



said Village

John O'Donnell and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Accounts

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Lundry accounts being now presented are allowed amounting to the sum of thirty three hundred nineteen dollars and ninety one cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Held at New York ss June 19. 1879

Judgment is entered up according to reports of the referees and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Robert O. Morris

Clerk.



James W. M. 1875

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty fourth day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty seventh and twenty eighth days of said month, on the first, nineteenth, twenty sixth, twenty ninth and thirty first days of July, on the fifth, eighth, fourteenth and twenty ninth days of August, and on the second, ninth, fifteenth and eighteenth days of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

Frederic Weston L. Hubbard Chairman

Edwin Chace

Samuel A. Bartholomew Special

Era S. Potter

County  
Commissioners

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Betsy A. Phelps Petr.  
for a Jury

Respectfully represents Betsy A. Phelps of Framville in the County of Hampden that she is the owner of certain lands situated in said Framville bounded Westerly by the highway, Northerly by the highway, Easterly by land of the estate of Henry Lewis and of Elias Noble & Southerly by land of Edgar Holcomb and land of Charles Clark.

The County of Hampden  
do

That the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden upon the petition of David W. Northway & others presented before them on the seventh day of September A.D. 1875, and continued from time to time until the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1876 laid out and located anew a road upon your petitioner's said land & caused the same to be constructed under said new location whereby your said petitioner was greatly damaged in her said property. She further alleges that she is aggrieved by the order of the County Commissioners regarding her said damages. Wherefore she prays that a jury may be ordered to hear



the subject matter of her complaint and to award her damages for the injury she has incurred from the laying out and location across of said road.

Betsy A. Phelps

By Stearns Knorrton & Sons  
Attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, and by adjournment on the third day of September, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court: Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampshire Co. Superior Court. June Term, 1879. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire. In the case of Betsy A. Phelps Petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated September 3<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1878 and has been returned into this Court: it is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. To the undersigned summoned as jurors under and by virtue of a warrant issued by the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, bearing date September 3<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1878, upon the petition of Betsy A. Phelps of Granville in said County, to make a just and true appraisal of damages sustained by the said Betsy A. Phelps by reason of the action of the County Commissioners set forth and complained of by the said



petitioner in her said petition, to wit. from the laying out  
and locating same of, and construction of a road up-  
on said petitioner's land, having been duly empanelled  
& sworn and having heard the evidence in the case  
have estimated and appraised the damages sustained by  
said petitioner which she is entitled to recover under  
said warrant and for said action of said county  
commissioners at Three hundred & thirty four <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> (\$334.50)  
dollar which sum is in full for her said dama-  
ges In witness whereof we have severally signed this  
verdict this twenty first day of November A.D. 1878.

S. B. Blood Foreman

Ward Wining

J. V. Tuttle

Samuel S. Featherbed

John H. Fox

E. A. Dibble

Jason Durcy

Thos. Bryant

Lyman Knapp

Wm. J. Mortimer

H. E. Hunt

D. Parks

Attacks Robert C. Morris Clerk

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that  
said verdict and adjudication be recorded

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire.  
Your petitioners, inhabitants of the towns of Rus-  
sell, Montgomery & Westfield, respectfully represent that  
the public convenience and wants require that a road  
& Highway should be laid out & constructed at a  
point commencing a little South of Joseph & Laffin  
Paper Mill in said town of Russell & crossing the  
Westfield River near the Lower Falls so called, then  
running easterly across the Boston & Albany rail road  
near the Southernly part of F. J. Kelleher's farm, then  
running Southerly to the Potomac Road in said  
town of Westfield to near the foot of Luder hill so  
called. Your petitioners would therefore ask your Honors  
to view the premises & locate & construct said road &  
highway, according to the laws in such cases made  
& provided. And as in duty bound will ever pray.  
Russell, March 10. 1878.

E. J. Cooke et al  
Petrs for a new high-  
way in Russell and  
Westfield

E. J. Cooke and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of



the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given. And said petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Edwin J. Norton et al.  
Petrs for a new highway in Russell

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To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.  
Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens & legal residents of Russell in said County, that the public convenience & necessity require that a highway should be laid out & constructed from a point on the road leading past the Paper Mill of Joseph & Jasper Paper Company to Russell Depot so called & a little distance north of said Paper Mill from said point easterly across Westfield river to road passing through the farm of T. J. Williston. Your petitioners would therefore ask your Honor to view the premises & locate & construct said Highway according to the laws in such case made & provided. And as in duty bound will ever pray

Russell July 23<sup>d</sup> 1878

Edwin J. Norton and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, and was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, at which meeting the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Agawam,  
humbly represent that the Highway leading from the old  
School House near the Distillery of S. Potter & Co (the new  
road so called) to the New Bridge at Agawam Ferry, is  
cracked and out of repair. Your petitioners respectfully  
request your Honorable Board to view the aforesaid High-  
way, and make such order, relocation or locate anew, as  
in your judgment public convenience and necessity  
may require.

S. L. Whitman } Selectmen  
E. Leonard }  
J. H. Churchill } of  
Agawam.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within  
and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy nine, at which meeting the Commissioners,  
deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed  
Tuesday, the thirteenth day of May then next and 9<sup>1/2</sup>  
o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling-house of W. H. H.  
Whitland, in Agawam, as the time and place for  
viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested,  
and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon  
the clerk of the town of Agawam, being the town within  
which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at  
least before the time appointed for said view, and also  
caused abstracts of said petition, containing the sub-  
stance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said  
town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by  
causing a copy of said petition to be published three  
weeks successively in the New England Homestead,  
a newspaper published in said County, said post-  
ing and the last publication of said copy having  
been fourteen days at least before the time appointed  
for said view, and before said view was had, said  
Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described  
in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons in-  
terested, of the time and place for commencing said  
view. And on the said thirteenth day of May, the

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Pet. for alteration of  
highway in Agawam.

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Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this fifteenth day of September, A.D. 1879, when said Commissioners do proceed to locate said alteration as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point in a line with the North side of Geo. E. Tucker's house and 18 1/2 feet Westerly therefrom, and running N 55° 50' E. about 734 feet to the corner fence post between Henry Porter and Henry Price, thence N 55° 11' E 135 feet to the corner fence post between Timothy Hayes and James H. Fenn, said post being 6 feet Northerly of the North side, and 1 foot Westerly of the West side of Timothy Hayes' house, thence N 49° 48' E 1389 feet, thence N 42° 15' E 571 feet to a point 53 feet Easterly of the N.E. corner of Thomas Sestis' Barn. Thus far the above line is the Easterly side of the road said road being said 50 feet wide. Now crossing over to the West side of said road at a point 3 feet East of the above N.E. corner of Thomas Sestis' Barn, thence running N 39° 05' E. 768 feet, thence N 44° 30' E. 360 feet to a point in a line with and 17 feet Easterly of the N side of John Riley's house, thence N 43° 20' E. 427 feet to a point on the division line between Robert Sikes and Wm. Riley, thence N 39° 28' E. 961 feet to a point on the division line between the James Price House & Henry Jones, thence N 25° 55' E. 643 feet to a point in a line with and 7 feet Easterly of the S side of Henry Jones' house, thence N 39° 35' E. 507 feet to corner post between Henry Jones and John



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thence  $N 36^{\circ} 10' E$  266 feet to a point on the division line between Sumner Clark and Patrick Riley, thence  $N 45^{\circ} 04' E$  588 feet to a point in a line with and 27 feet Easterly of the N side of Patrick Riley's house, thence  $N 46^{\circ} 35' E$  1813 feet to a point, thence  $N 48^{\circ} 50' E$  48 feet to a point on the division line between Wm. Kirkland and School lot, said point being 3 feet Westerly of the center of a large Oak or 28 feet Easterly of a point on said division line in a range East side of the school house, thence  $N 45^{\circ} 20' E$  682 feet to a Pine tree standing on the South side of a cross road, thence  $N 42^{\circ} E$  298 feet to a point opposite Patrick Donnelly's South division line. Thus far the above described line is the Westerly side of the road, the <sup>river</sup> bank making the Easterly side of said road continuing from this point on the Westerly side of the road and laying the road 50 feet wide, we run  $N 43^{\circ} E$  172 feet, thence  $N 37^{\circ} 40' E$  1057 feet to a fence post in a line with and 10.8 feet Easterly of the South side of Wm. H. Kirkland's house, thence  $N 36^{\circ} 30' E$  293 feet to a point in the present fence line, thence  $N 38^{\circ} 20' E$  312 feet to a point in a line with and 11 1/2 feet Easterly of the Northerly side of H. B. Kirkland's house, thence  $N 39^{\circ} 20' E$  276 feet, at this point road laid 50 feet wide, thence same course 331 feet to the North East corner fence post of B. A. Kooly's lot, standing on the South side of the cross road between said Kooly and S. D. Varner - at this point the road is 53 feet wide. Now crossing said road to a stone monument standing in a line with and 8 feet Easterly of the Southerly side of S. D. Varner's house, thence running  $N 16^{\circ} 30' E$  about 48 feet to a fence post, thence  $N 1^{\circ} 30' E$  463 feet to a stone monument standing 26 feet Northerly of a point in the center line of the bridge produced, and 17 1/2 feet Westerly of the face of backwall of Westerly abutment of bridge. Aug 1879 Variation of North 18 West. And now it is ordered that the said town of Agawam cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Agawam to be marked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where

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the center of the road



ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stumps, and roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. When the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least 9 inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 18 feet for the traveled part of the road. When the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the side of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 9 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 18 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 18 feet aforesaid. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 18 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one-half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road, they must be worked parallel with the outer line of the traveled part of the road without curve



easy drainage in their direction, and must gradually  
 ascend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the  
 road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that  
 no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over  
 swamp or meadow land where the road is made by em-  
 bankment, and is liable, from its weight, to settle or sink  
 through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance  
 be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made  
 partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the  
 road must be crowned, in manner before mentioned,  
 from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the up-  
 hill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior  
 or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level.  
 All sides of excavations or embankments where the ma-  
 terials are of a loose or adhesive character must be  
 made at an angle not exceeding forty five degrees, where  
 the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must  
 not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two  
 feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly  
 and substantially railed, when railing is necessary for the  
 safety and convenience of the traveler, the railing must  
 consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less  
 in any part than five inches in diameter, and be secure-  
 ly fastened with iron bolts to stave or chestnut posts two  
 feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight  
 inches in diameter, and imbedded in the earth or em-  
 bankment not less than three feet, and not more than  
 twelve feet distant from each other from center to center.  
 When the sides of embankments are constructed or se-  
 cured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two  
 feet high above the face of the road, and not less than  
 eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be sub-  
 stituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splic-  
 ings of said railing must be made on the summit  
 or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by cham-  
 fering the joining ends of each of said poles or posts, at  
 least one foot in length, in such manner that the  
 chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with  
 the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the cen-  
 ter of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built  
 in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and



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a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment and without in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 18 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required) said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendicular, the road must be worked to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial well-laid stone abutments and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a covering of the road of 9 inches in addition, except the cham of the arch or arches of a bridge, each exceed three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut thicker ten inches at the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All bridges must be made twenty-four feet long, measured at right angles with the direction of the road, and be substantially



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and properly suited to the height of three feet and to the width of not less than 28 feet between the railings clear of all obstruction. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone sides or abutments not less than two feet apart, and 37 inches high, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than two inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned 9 inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the said culvert when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. A culvert must be extended South of John Riley's South line West 12 feet. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling-house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building, in the best shape for placing on a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so direct, otherwise or to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto, provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling-house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing, (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location



is made, whether for the front, they yield, or the shade and  
 ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be  
 removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the  
 road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered, that  
 all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the  
 road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened  
 at the points of their said crossings, intersections or con-  
 nections therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and  
 convenient for the traveler. And it is further ordered,  
 that the grading of the road aforesaid which is within  
 the town of Agawam be so worked as not in any  
 place to exceed the angle of ascent or descent from a  
 horizontal line hereafter mentioned. The County Com-  
 missioners having heard all persons and corporations  
 interested in relation to the question of damages, who  
 expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and  
 adjudge that there shall be paid from the County  
 Treasury the sum of Seven Dollars to Mary E. Tucker, \$7.00  
 the sum of Twenty Five Dollars to Harvey Porter, \$25.00  
 the sum of Fifty Two Dollars to James H. Fene, \$52.00  
 the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars to Thomas Rector, \$125.00  
 the sum of One Hundred Thirty Dollars to John Riley, \$130.00  
 the sum of Two Dollars to Robert Pike, \$2.00  
 the sum of Twelve Dollars to William Riley, \$12.00  
 the sum of Ten Dollars to Mary of James Prince, \$10.00  
 the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars to Henry H. Terry, \$150.00  
 the sum of Ten Dollars to Sumner Clark, \$10.00  
 the sum of Seventy Two Dollars to Patrick Riley, \$72.00  
 the sum of One Hundred Dollars to Pamela L. Baldwin, \$100.00  
 the sum of Ten Dollars to William Kirkland, \$10.00  
 the sum of Ten Dollars to Henry Norris, \$10.00  
 the sum of Fifty Dollars to Samuel D. Variner, \$50.00  
 \$1124.00

the same being in full for all damages sustained  
 by them in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No  
 other persons or corporations having appeared to claim  
 damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners  
 none other being entitled to damages, none others are  
 awarded. The owners of lands over which the aforesaid  
 road is located, are allowed until the first day of  
 October, A. D. 1879, to remove their buildings, timber &c.



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and fences thereon, except Thomas Soter, upon whose land they may remain until June 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1880. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said Town of Agawam cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of December A.D. 1879, except on land of Thomas Soter, which shall be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1880.

Morton S. Hubbard } County  
Edwin Chase } Commissioners  
Ora S. Potter Special

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now, the said report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire. L. H. Blaisdell et al.  
Respectfully represent the undersigned voters and tax payers in Agawam in said County, that they with in Agawam  
these petitioned the Selectmen of Agawam in writing among  
other things to lay out and build a new town way  
in said town from a point near the West end of the  
South End Bridge to a point on the road running  
from Agawam Street to the old ferry near the house  
of L. H. Blaisdell in said Agawam and that said  
Selectmen have unreasonably refused to lay out said  
town way. Therefore your petitioners being aggrieved by  
such refusal request that you will now said premises  
and lay out said town way and alter said highway  
and take such other action in relation to the matter  
herein set forth as in your opinion the public good  
and convenience may require.

L. H. Blaisdell and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed



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Tuesday, the twentieth day of May then met and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of J. L. Blaisdell, in Agawam, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Agawam, being the town within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twentieth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceed to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the said Selectman had unreasonably neglected and refused to lay out said town way, and that the common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Friday the twenty seventh day of June then met and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of J. L. Blaisdell in said Agawam as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said town way, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except,



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publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof on the said twenty seventh day of June next and proceeded to locate as follows. Commencing at a point in the center of the Roadway of the "South End Bridge" at the face of back-wall of the Vesterly Abutment and running South eighty one (81) degrees East Thirteen Hundred and forty two (1342) feet to a point Twenty five (25) feet Southerly of a stone monument in the Northerly line of present Highway - said line is a continuation of the center line of said Bridge. The above description is for the center line of Highway the width being Fifty (50) feet. The following described parcels of land is hereby laid out as a highway - commencing at a stone monument in the Northerly line of the present Highway (50) feet Easterly of A. D. Blaisdell's Easterly line and running North-ly at right angles to said Northerly line of present highway to the Southerly line of Highway above described - Thence Westerly on said Highway to the Northerly line of present Highway - Thence Easterly on said Northerly line to place of beginning. And now it is ordered that the said town of Agawan- cance the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Agawan- to be worked, made and completed in the most faithful and workman-like manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stave stumps, and roots. The top soil, where it is unavoidable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road where finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unavoidable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least ten inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of eighteen feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the



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subsoil or sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of twelve inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of eighteen feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience on any and every part of the eighteen feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of, and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for maintenance in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road, be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of eighteen feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one-half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road; they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamps or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable, from its weight, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where



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the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees, where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler, the railing must consist of straight hand-some chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or joints, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing to be firmly and permanently placed in



the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than four feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment and without in any manner obstructing or interfering with said eighteen feet for the traveled part of the road. When the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense this kind of structure will be required) said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height; the inner face thereof being perpendicular, the road must be worked to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstruction for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well-laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a covering of the road of twelve inches in addition, except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each exceed three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber two inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly imbedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All bridges must be made twenty-four feet long, measured at right angle with the direction of the road, and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet, and to the width of not less than eighteen feet between the railings clear of all obstructions. All necessary chuecrays must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner with good, firm, straight stone sides, or abutments not less than two feet apart, and eighteen inches high, and be covered



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with the same material, with a top covering of not less than  
two inches of good gravel or some other good material, and  
the road over said drawways must be crowned two inches  
in addition. The owners of land over which said road is  
located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or  
farm bridges across and underneath the road for their ac-  
commodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby  
increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road,  
as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or  
bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the  
said culverts when placed in must forever after be  
maintained by each owner, their heirs or assigns, in  
good repair, and in such condition as to render them  
safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the  
road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any  
dwelling-house or other building where an excavation  
is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said  
building, in the best shape for placing in a bank  
wall if the owner of said building shall so elect, other-  
wise or to slope such side bank as to cause the least  
possible injury to said building or the appurtenances there-  
to, provided, however, when such passage ways cannot  
be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid,  
culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever  
an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling-  
house or other building, it must be constructed and  
sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said  
building in such manner as to render the road safe  
without the aid of railing, for in such case no railing  
can be allowed. And in such manner as to leave  
all passage ways to and from said building as perfect  
and as nearly in their present shape as may be.  
Trees that have been planted or reared beside the pro-  
posed traveled way by the owners of land over which  
said location is made, whether for the fruit they  
yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to  
the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured,  
unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely  
require it. And it is further ordered that all other  
roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road  
aforesaid, be so raised or lowered and so widened at



the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler trade in no case to exceed two and a half feet to the hundred. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damage, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars to Edward A. Tanner, \$218.00 and the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars to Samuel D. Tanner, \$213.00 the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing location. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damage, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none other are awarded. The owners of land, over which the foregoing location of highway is made, are allowed until the first day of October, A.D. 1879, to remove their timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Agawam cause the foregoing location of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of December, A.D. 1879.

Newton L. Hubbard

Edwin Chase

Abra S. Potter

County Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

Selectmen of Agawam & West Springfield, etc. for discontinuance of highway and bridge in Agawam & West Springfield

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To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, Selectmen of the towns of Agawam and West Springfield in said County, on behalf of said towns, and in obedience to vote passed at the annual meetings of said towns, respectfully represent that the highway from the road leading from



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Springfield to Westfield, on the northerly side of the Agawam river in West Springfield, to the road leading from Westfield to Fred-  
rick Hills village on the southerly side of said river in Ag-  
awam, including the site of a bridge formerly known as  
the Woody Bridge, has become nearly useless by reason of  
disminished land, that the bridges heretofore built upon  
said highway have been of late years little used, that  
by reason of the situation they have been carried away  
by floods, and that the last bridge, built at great  
cost only fourteen years ago, was swept off by the flood  
of December last, that the channel of the river at  
that place is narrow, the north bank low and sub-  
ject to overflow, and the abutments and pier of a  
bridge obstruct the flow of water and force it back  
upon the property of the good people of Westfield, to their  
great loss and damage. Therefore we pray that  
after due proceedings had the said highway and  
bridge may be discontinued.

E. L. Whitman } Selectmen  
O. A. Parks }  
E. Leonard 2<sup>d</sup> } Agawam  
William Chapman } Selectmen  
Anna Russell }  
Aaron Dagg Jr. } West Springfield

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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within  
and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy nine, at which meeting, the Commission-  
ers, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed  
Tuesday, the twenty seventh day of May then next, and  
ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Smith  
in West Springfield, as the time and place for viewing  
the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be  
served upon the clerks of the towns of Agawam and  
West Springfield, being the towns within which such  
discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least be-  
fore the time appointed for said view, and also caused  
abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof,  
to be posted in two public places in said towns, and



also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty seventh day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceed to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the fifth day of August then next and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Smith in said West Springfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to discontinue as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said discontinuance, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fifth day of August, met and proceeded to discontinue said highway and bridge as follows: Commencing the discontinuance on the Northwesterly side of the Agawam River in West Springfield, at the point of intersection with the road leading from Springfield to Westfield and running South across the Agawam River to the point of intersection of the said highway with the road leading from Westfield to Feeding Hills in Agawam and including the site of the bridge formerly known as Quorley Bridge the stone and railing.



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remaining within the location of the highway and bridge discontinued, are assessed. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury, the sum of Fifty Dollars to Curtis A. Hubbard, \$50.00 and the sum of Four Hundred and Sixty Six Dollars to Ethan A. Pike, \$466.00 the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing discontinuance. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none other being entitled to damages, none others are awarded.

Newton S. Hubbard

Edwin Chace

Saml. A. Bartholomew Special }  
County Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now, the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and it is ordered that said highway and bridge be discontinued.

To the County Commissioners of Naubden County.  
The undersigned, inhabitants of the town of Rudlow in said County, respectfully represent that the portion of the road in said town which lies between the house occupied by James M. White and Rudlow City, as called has, from the length of time and other cause, become indefinite in location and without fixed and defined boundaries. Therefore they respectfully request that said road may be located anew for the purpose of establishing the boundary lines thereof, and of making any alterations in the course or width thereof that the County Commissioners may deem best.

Wm. J. Clark and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred

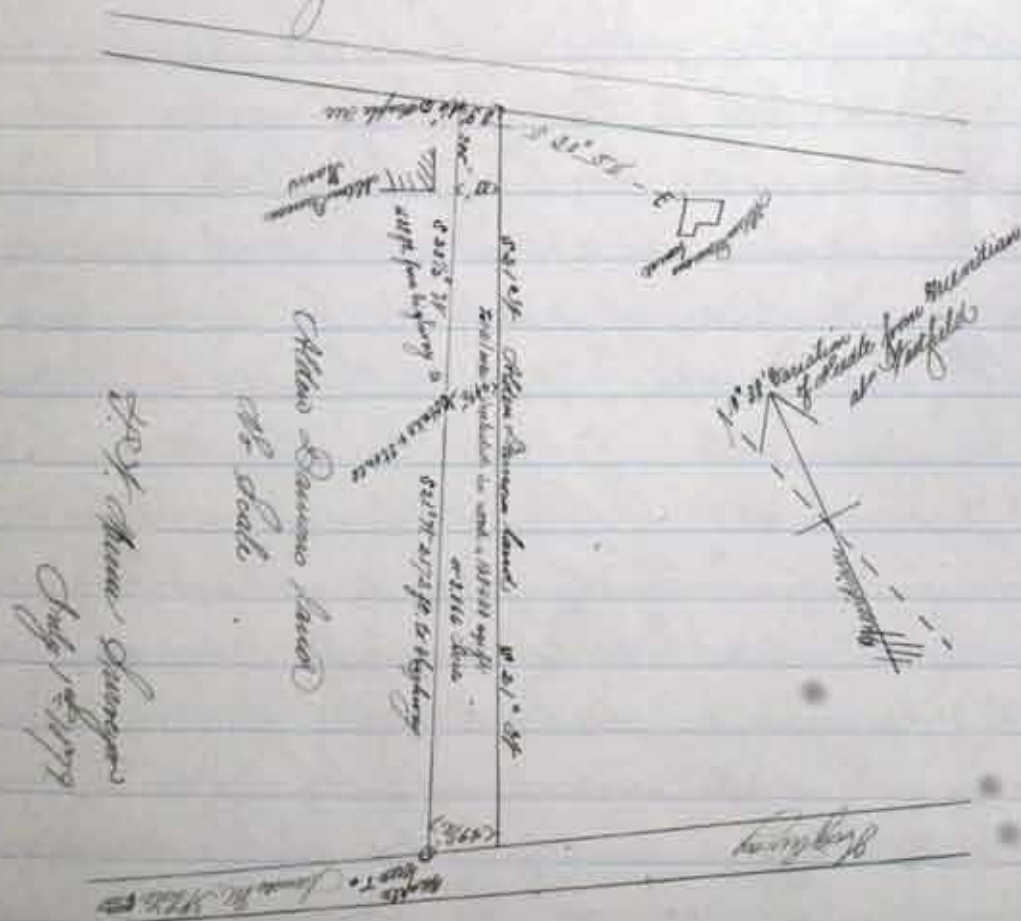
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and seventy nine, at which meeting the Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Saturday the twenty fourth day of May then met and since twelve o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of J. M. White in Sudlow, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Sudlow, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty fourth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceed to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners continued the matter from meeting to meeting until the meeting held on the thirty first day of May, A.D. 1879, when said Commissioners adjudged that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the first day of July then met and twelve o'clock noon, at the house of J. M. White, in said Sudlow, as the time and place where and when they would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said relocation in the same manner as the notice and publication, was given and made, and as is by



law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to any (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said first day of July next and provided to relocate as follows. Location of a highway in Ludlow City, County of Hampshire, State of Massachusetts, as located July 1<sup>st</sup> 1879 by County Commissioner Kottard, to have and to alter on petition of James M. White and others bounded and described as follows viz. Beginning at the intersection of the Westerly line of this highway, with the Southerly side of present highway, running by house owned or occupied by Alden Darnon, and at the intersection with present highway, of a line bearing N. 30° 50' West from the North west corner of said Darnon house, and thence running S. 23 1/2° E. 1538 ft to a stake and staves, and thence N. 21° E. 2172 ft through the center of an elm tree at or near the Westerly side of Highway running by house of James M. White, and which highway terminates the Southerly end of the new road. The described line is the Westerly line of new road, which is Three rods wide on the last described course, and gradually narrowing by producing the easterly line Southerly of angle till it attains a distance of two rods from Westerly line, from which point it will be two rods wide to its point of intersection with the Southerly line of Highway at the beginning of this lay out. See diagram on reverse side of this sheet for amount of land taken, and other information.





And now it is ordered that the said town of Ludlow cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Ludlow to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed when ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stumps, stumps, and roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in an embankment if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are amountable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least eight inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of sixteen feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the center or of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of fifteen inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of sixteen feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the sixteen feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be



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allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of which fact as aforesaid, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment and is liable from its weight to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees, where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler, the railing must consist of straight hardwood chestnut posts not less in any part than five inches in diameter and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant <sup>from each other</sup> from center to center. When the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splittings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid by chamfering the joining ends of each of said



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poles or posts, at least six feet in length, in such man-  
ner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close to-  
gether with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through  
the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall  
built in a substantial and workmanlike manner  
two and a half feet high above the face of the road,  
not less than two feet in thickness at its base and  
fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank  
wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In  
all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road  
if constructed of earth slopes must be worked suffi-  
ciently wide to allow the posts which support said railing  
to be firmly and permanently placed in the embank-  
ment with the interior or inside thereof not less than  
16 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment,  
and without, in any manner obstructing or interfer-  
ing with said sixteen feet for the traveled part of  
the road. When the sides of embankments are constructed  
or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls in-  
stead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where  
the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense,  
this kind of structure will be required) said walls  
must be battered back towards the embankment from  
a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one  
foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendic-  
ular. All bridges must be constructed with substan-  
tial, well-laid stone abutments, and be covered with  
the same material, with a top covering of not less than  
twelve inches of good gravel or some other good materi-  
al, and a covering of the road of fifteen inches in ad-  
dition, except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge,  
each covered three feet in the clear, when it may be  
covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch  
plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the  
top of the planking must be at grade. All necessary  
enclosures must be made of the same length as the  
bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with  
good, firm, straight stone sides, or abutments not less  
than two feet apart, and 24 inches high, and be cov-  
ered with the same material, with a top covering of  
not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some



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the good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned fifteen inches in addition. The town shall make one cattle culvert at some suitable place at least three & a half feet wide and six feet high to be covered with stone or white oak or chestnut plank three inches thick the same to be supported by the town. The owner of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owner, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building, in the best shape for placing in a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect, otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto, provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is erected in front of a dwelling-house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or raised beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruit they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that



all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with  
the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so  
widened at the points of their said crossing, inter-  
sections or connections therewith, as to render them perfectly  
safe and convenient for the traveler. The County Com-  
missioners having heard all persons and corporations  
who expressed a desire to be heard in relation to the  
question of damages caused by the relocation aforesaid,  
did then and there adjudge that there be paid to  
the Dancer estate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty  
Eight Dollars \$188.00 the same being in full com-  
pensation for all damages sustained by it in conse-  
quence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or  
corporations having appeared to claim damages and in  
the opinion of the Commissioners, none other being  
entitled to damages, none other are awarded. The own-  
ers of land, over which the aforesaid road is located,  
are allowed until the tenth day of September, A.D.  
1879, to remove their timber, trees and fences therefrom.  
And it is further ordered by the County Commis-  
sioners that the said town of Audlow cause the fore-  
going relocation of highway to be made, constructed  
and completed to the acceptance of the County Com-  
missioners on or before the first day of December, A.D.  
1879. And it is further ordered by the County Com-  
missioners that the town of Audlow shall pay all  
costs and expenses which have arisen by reason of  
the aforesaid relocation. And it is further ordered by  
the County Commissioners that whenever the said  
town of Audlow shall have completed said highway  
to the acceptance of said Commissioners, there shall be  
paid to the said town from the County Treasury the sum  
of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250)

Newton S. Hayward ) County

Edwin Chase ) Commissioners

Ans. S. Potter ) Special Com

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners  
filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition  
fully appears. And now the said report being read and  
considered is accepted, and the road established so  
and for a public highway.



To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
 Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens & legal voters  
 of the towns of Agawam, West Springfield & Westfield in said  
 County that the Highway in said West Springfield from  
 the centre of the road in said last named town & a lot  
 the Easterly of the house occupied by Andrew Williams in  
 said Westfield. Southerly across the Westfield river in &  
 through the site of the Agawam & West Springfield bridge  
 as the bridge stood before the freshet in December last  
 Southerly to the house of L. B. Knight in Agawam afore-  
 said Bridging Hole Parish - is out of repair without mon-  
 ument narrow crooked & indirect & inconvenient & with-  
 out a bridge across the river near the first named  
 terminus of this petition - wherefore your petitioners re-  
 quest your Honorable Board to view the premises, &  
 widen, straighten, or new locate said Highway & order  
 a bridge constructed across said River & discontinue each  
 parts of said Highway as may be useless, or make  
 each alteration & improvements as shall appear to your  
 Honors necessary And your petitioners as in duty bound  
 will ever pray

West Springfield March 10<sup>th</sup> 1879

Henry Pease and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
 County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within  
 and for said County on the second Tuesday of April  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and seventy nine, and was continued to this meeting  
 and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
 The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Montague  
 by being instructed so to do by a vote of the town passed  
 at a meeting legally warned and held on the third  
 day of May in the current year, respectfully request your  
 Honorable Board to discontinue that part of the location  
 of a highway commencing Thru just northerly of a stone  
 monument at or near the northeast corner of Island  
 Park's Home Lot at Russell Depot and ending at the  
 Westerly line of the old highway westerly of the dwelling

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house of Elisha Clark in Montgomery, which lies between the junction (or called) and the last mentioned terminal point and also to view the premises and if in your opinion the public convenience and necessity requires it to locate and construct or cause to be constructed, a highway in such place between the terminal points above mentioned as you may think just and right.

Montgomery May 5<sup>th</sup> 1879.

E. J. Clark } Selectmen  
J. L. Pike }  
J. R. Moore } of  
Montgomery

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, at which meeting the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given. And said petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Jason H. Fisk et al  
Petn for a new highway  
and location of highway  
on to Chester

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represents your petitioners on legal notice of Chester in the County of Hampden that the public convenience and necessity requires a new road and alterations in the old road in various places commencing at Harrington Hill near the Mill of Purley Hutchins thence running Northwly on the West side of the Middle Branch of the Westfield River past John Vanehell to the Bridge which crosses the River at North Chester near the Post Office. Your petitioners respectfully pray for a new road and such alterations and repairs on the old road and to define the boundaries of said road. Therefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable board after due notice view said premises hear the parties interested and locate the same as the law requires and take such action as may be necessary on the premises.



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Jason H. Fick and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday the sixth day of June, then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Jason Fick, in Kelso, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Kelso, being the town within which such location and relocation are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said sixth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Monday the fourth day of August then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Jason H. Fick, in said Kelso, as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate and relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given



notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating and relocating as aforesaid in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to mine (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fourth day of August, met and proceeded to locate and relocate as follows. The first location commences at a stone monument on the West side of the highway at a point six hundred and twenty five feet North of a point in range of the North side of E. N. Smith dwelling house. Then running south fifteen and one half degrees East over land of John H. Cook one hundred feet to a stone. Then south twenty two and a quarter degrees East two hundred & eighty nine feet over said Cook land to a stone. Then South twenty and one third degrees East over land of E. N. Smith & L. L. Snow one hundred and eleven feet to a stone. Then south twenty eight degrees East over said Smith & Snow land two hundred feet to a stone standing fifteen feet southerly of a point in range of the North side of said Smith & Snow dwelling house. Then south twenty nine degrees east over said Smith & Snow land one hundred & twenty seven feet to a stone monument on the West side of the old location. The lines are run in the center of the location & the bounds are set on the West side of the same which is laid fifty feet wide. The second location commences at a stone monument on the southerly side of the highway by land of E. N. Smith & L. L. Snow. Then running south sixteen degrees East two hundred feet to a stone. Then south twenty nine degrees east four hundred feet to a stone. Then south forty four degrees East one hundred feet to a stone on the West side of the old location. The lines are run in the center & the bounds are set on the West side of the location which is laid fifty feet wide & is over land of said Smith & Snow. The third location commences at a marked Butternut tree on the West side of the highway twenty one feet & three inches North of a point in range of the North side of Augusta &



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Elder's dwelling house. Then running south thirteen and one half degrees east. Two hundred feet over land of Augusta & Elder - and ninety three feet over land of N. S. Sampson to a stone monument near the Westly side of the old road. The line is new & the bounds are set on the Westly side of the location which is fifty feet wide at the commencement & widens to sixty six feet at the end. The fourth location commences at a point thirty three feet four inches from the south east corner of the dwelling house of N. S. Sampson in range with the Northerly end of said house. Thence running south thirteen degrees East over the old road & land of said Sampson one hundred feet to a stone. Then south thirteen & one half degrees East one hundred feet to a stone. Then south thirty degrees East two hundred feet to a stone. Thus far the location is fifty feet wide. Then south thirty four & one quarter degrees East one hundred & eighty one feet to a stone. The highway for the last course & distance is fifty feet wide at the commencement & widens to seventy feet at the end. The location for the third last course & distance is over land of N. S. Sampson. Then south forty one degrees East one hundred & two feet over land of said Sampson. And one hundred & sixty six feet over land of A. B. Bemis to a stone monument on the Westly side of the old road. The highway for this course & distance is seventy feet wide at the commencement & narrows to fifty feet at the end. The variation of the Needle is 10° East. And now it is ordered that the said town of Chester cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Chester to be worked, made and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps and roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and



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durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character; a top covering of at least 12 inches of good gravel, or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 16 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part through to its center to the height of 12 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 16 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 16 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of, and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches, where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 16 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by digging from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road; they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the points of



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discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamps or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable from its weight to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned, in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees, where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler. The railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and imbedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made at the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or posts, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. For a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face



of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof, not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 16 feet for the traveled part of the road. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well-laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a covering of the road of 12 inches in addition, except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each exceed three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All bridges must be made twenty feet long, measured at right angles with the direction of the road, and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet, and to the width of not less than 16 feet between the railings clear of all obstructions. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone sides, or abutments not less than two feet apart, and 18 inches high, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned 12 inches in addition. The makers of land over which said road is



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located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or  
furnish bridges across and underneath the road for their ac-  
commodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby  
increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road,  
as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or  
bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the  
said culverts when placed in must forever after be  
maintained by such owner, their heirs or assigns, in  
good repair, and in such condition as to render them  
safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the  
road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any  
dwelling-house or other building where an excavation is  
required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said  
building in the best shape for placing in a bank  
wall if the owner of said building shall so elect,  
otherwise or to slope such side bank as to cause the  
least possible injury to said building or the appur-  
tenances thereto. Provided, however, when such passage  
ways cannot be made safe and convenient by slop-  
ing as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that  
purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front  
of a dwelling-house or other building, it must be con-  
structed and sloped on that side of the traveled way  
nearest said building in such manner as to render  
the road safe without the aid of railing, for in such  
cases no railing can be allowed. And in such man-  
ner as to leave all passage ways to and from said  
building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape  
as may be. Trees that have been planted or reared  
beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land  
over which said location is made, whether for the fruit  
they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish  
to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured,  
unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely  
require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads  
crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid  
be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points  
of their said crossings, intersections or connections there-  
with, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for  
the traveler. And it is further ordered that the grading  
of the road aforesaid which is within the town of



Whether be so marked as not in any place to exceed  
 the angle of ascent or descent from a horizontal line  
 hereafter mentioned. The grade pins are all placed in  
 the center of the intended road bed are all driven  
 down to near the surface of the earth, and the summits  
 or tops of said pins are the points of admeasurement for  
 ascertaining the amount of excavation or embankment.  
 The summits or tops of those pins that are at grade in  
 connection with the line of inclination represent the base  
 of the traveled part of the road and the crowning of  
 2 inches required by this order is, in all cases to be  
 considered as placed on or above the tops or summits  
 of said pins and line. The grade pins that are  
 mentioned in this description as being numbered have  
 a stake driven by the side of them bearing the same  
 number as the side stake opposite said grade pin and  
 accompanying stake. The admeasurement is given in feet  
 and the decimal parts of a foot. And said grading is  
 as follows to wit: At Station one First location grade  
 At Sta two cut 1.2 feet - At Sta three fill 4 feet - At  
 Sta four cut 2 feet - At sta 5 grade - At sta 6 grade  
 At sta 7 fill 5 feet - At sta 8 fill 2 feet - At Sta 9 fill 5  
 feet. And the grade is to be made uniform from  
 the top of the fill at sta 9 to a point fifty feet south-  
 erly upon the old road bed. At Station 1 Second lo-  
 cation grade - At Sta 2 fill 3 feet - At Station 3-4-5-6  
 7 & 8 grade - At Sta 1 Fourth location grade - At Sta 3  
 cut 2 feet - At sta 3 cut 4 feet - At Sta 4 fill 1 foot -  
 At sta 5 cut 1 foot - At sta 6 cut 7 feet - At sta  
 7 cut 2 feet - At sta 8 fill 10 feet - At a point fifty  
 feet south of sta 8 fill 2 feet - At sta 9 fill 2 feet -  
 At a point fifty feet south of sta 9 fill 1 foot from  
 the top of said last fill to a point 50 feet south of  
 of the same fill so as to make a uniform grade.  
 And the inclinations on the first location are as follows  
 to wit: From Sta 1 to Sta 2. 2'30" ascending - From Sta 2  
 to 3. 30" descending - From Sta 3 to 4 nearly level - From Sta  
 4 to 5 1' descending - From Sta 5 to 6 1'15" descending - From  
 Sta 6 to 7. 2' descending - From Sta 7 to 8 30" descending - From  
 Sta 8 to 9. 1'30" descending. The inclinations on the second  
 location are to be as follows to wit: From Station 1 to the



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top of the fill at station 2 & from thence to station 3 the grade is to be uniform and from station 3 to the end of the location the grade is to be uniform from station to station. The inclinations on the third location are to be made as nearly uniform as the nature of the general surface of the ground will admit of. The inclinations on the fourth location are to be as follows to wit From station 1 to Sta 2 1°45' ascending - From Sta 2 to 3 16' descending - From Sta 3 to 4 1° descending - From Sta 4 to 5 45' descending - From Sta 5 to a point 53 feet southerly of Sta 6 1°45' descending - From the last named point to the end of the location 1°45' descending. The Easterly face of the embankment fourth location from station 7 to a point fifty feet southerly of station 8 is to be thoroughly protected by a dike of suitable stone to the thickness of three feet & to a point in height three feet below the grade line at station 7 thence in a straight line to grade at a point fifty feet southerly of station 8 and from thence to the end of the embankment to the height of the grade line. The following Culverts & Bridges will be required to wit Between stations No 1 & 3 just location a Bridge 4 by 6 feet in the clear Between stations 2 & 3 between stations 6 & 7 and between stations 7 & 8 Culverts will be required. On second location a Culvert will be required near station two. Between stations 3 & 4 a Bridge four by seven feet in the clear. On third location near the southerly end a Bridge two by four feet in the clear. On fourth location near station 4 a Culvert will be required. Culverts will be required at all other points on said locations when it may appear necessary to convey the water from one side of the road bed to the other. And it is further ordered that the Town of Chester cause the ledge between the third & fourth location to be blasted out to the width of six feet so that the highway when finished shall be not less than eighteen feet in the clear. And the small ledge nearly opposite a marked stone railing post is to be blasted out to the width of three & one half feet so that the highway shall be eighteen feet wide in the clear when completed. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation



to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, considered and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Forty Dollars to John J. Cook, \$40.00 the sum of Twenty Five Dollars to E. M. Smith and E. L. Smith \$75.00 the sum of Fifty Dollars to Augustus E. Elder, \$50.00 the sum of One Hundred Eighty Dollars to W. L. Sampson, \$180.00 and the sum of Twenty Two Dollars to A. B. Bemis \$22.00 the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing location and relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land, over which the aforesaid location and relocation is made, are allowed until the first day of October A. D. 1879, to remove their timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the said town of Chester cause the second and fourth described locations to be made, constructed and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of December A. D. 1879, and the balance of said described location and relocation to be constructed and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July, A. D. 1880.

Norton S. Hubbard.

Edwin Chase

Saml. A. Bartholomew Special.

County

Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

Selections of Vestfield  
Petition for alteration of  
highway in Vestfield

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To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire.

We the Selectmen of the town of Vestfield respectfully represent that at a town meeting held in Vestfield on May the 17<sup>th</sup> that the following vote was



passed - Voted That the town vote to petition the County Commissioners to order & straighten Elm st. so as to secure nearly a straight line from the Barn to the Depot or make such alterations as they in their judgment deem wise and proper provided the whole expended to the town shall not exceed five thousand dollars. We therefore request your Hon. Board to view the premises and make such order as will secure the desired results.

S. F. Thayer } Selectmen  
 A. Lamberton }  
 E. C. Carpenter } Westfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, at which meeting the Commissioners, planning a view of the premises expedient, appointed Monday, the thirtieth day of June then next and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Station of the Boston and Albany Rail Road Co. in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the New Haven and Northampton Rail Road Co. and the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published two weeks successively in the Western Mass. Times and News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirtieth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the



parties were heard, and after the hearing said Com-  
 missioners proceed to consider and adjudicate upon the  
 prayer of said petition, and after considering the same,  
 said Commissioners did adjudge that common con-  
 venience and necessity require that the prayer of the  
 petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid,  
 said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the thirteenth  
 day of August then next and 9<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock in the fore-  
 noon, at the Station of the Baton and Albany Rail Road  
 Co. in said Newfield, as the time and place when  
 and where they would meet and proceed to locate  
 anew as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners hav-  
 ing given notice of the adjudication and the time  
 and place appointed for locating anew in the same  
 manner as the notice and publication was given and  
 made, and as so far law in such case made and  
 provided before proceeding to view (except publishing an  
 abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on  
 the said thirteenth day of August, met and proceeded  
 to locate anew as follows: Commencing at a stone  
 monument on the Northern line of Orange Street  
 Thirty six and three tenths ( $36\frac{3}{10}$  ft.) feet Northern of the  
 North easterly corner of Dr. Tabernans Brick Building  
 and in range of the Easterly side of said building.  
 Thence running North Twenty nine ( $29^\circ$ ) degrees Fifty  
 five minutes East Twelve Hundred and four ( $1204$ ) feet  
 to a point in range of the face of the Northern Abut-  
 ment of the Highway Bridge at the level of the bridge  
 seat and Thirty three ( $33$ ) feet Easterly of a copper bolt  
 located into the Bridge seat in the center of the Road-  
 way of said Bridge. Thence same course to the Ba-  
 ton and Albany R. R. location. The above description  
 is for the Easterly line of the Highway. The location  
 covers all land lying Easterly of this line to the pre-  
 sent Easterly line of Elm Street from the place of  
 beginning in the Northern line of Orange Street  
 to the Northern line of Meadow Street produced, said  
 line of Meadow Street intersects the center line of the  
 Highway Bridge Twenty eight ( $28^\circ$ ) feet Southern of the  
 face of the Southern Abutment at the level of the  
 Bridge Seat. From the said Northern line of Meadow



Spent across the River to the face of the Northbury Abutment the width is thirty six (36) feet. From the face of the Northbury Abutment to the Balcony & Albany R. R. location the location covers all land lying Easterly of the Viable line above described to the Easterly side of the present Highway. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations who expressed a desire to be heard in relation to the question of damages caused by the relocation aforesaid did then and there adjudge that there be paid to W. H. Fort, Guardian of Mahan for Land \$550.00 for moving of buildings

	\$270.00
	\$820.00
to E. T. Randall for Land	\$190.00
for moving and fitting up of building	650.00
	\$840.00
to Sackett Estate for Land	\$533.00
for moving old barn	25.00
for moving house	75.00
store	30.00
fitting up buildings	250.00
	\$913.00
to Samuel Norton for Land	\$375.00
for damage to building	250.00
moving hay racks	50.00
	\$625.00
to Mr. H. Johnson for Land	\$150.00
Mr. C. Clark	250.00
Mrs. Jennie Bacon	390.00
Whitman Estate	135.00
Mr. J. Hays	126.00
L. A. Lewis	60.00
Miss Harriet Harrison	15.00
Total amount	\$4279.00

the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of lands over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the tenth day of September, A.D. 1879, to remove their



buildings, timber, trees and fences thereon. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the said town of Westfield cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of December, A.D. 1879. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the town of Westfield shall pay all costs and expenses which have arisen by reason of the aforesaid relocation. There being a vacancy in the Board, Samuel A. Bartholomew, Special Commissioner, was called in.

Newton S. Hubbard } County  
Edwin Chase } Commissioners.  
Sam. A. Bartholomew } Special Com.

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears, and now the said report being read and considered so accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

Silas Mearns et al  
Pet for abatement of  
expense of maintaining  
South Holyoke Ferry  
7th

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Whereas your Board did on the fifth day of September A.D. 1871 order the towns of Chicopee and Holyoke to establish and maintain a Ferry across the Connecticut River at the place formerly occupied by the South Holyoke Ferry Company, and Whereas said ferry is not at present maintained and kept open for public use in accordance with the order aforesaid, now Therefore we the undersigned citizens of Chicopee hereby petition your honorable Board to determine and order in what proportions the expense of maintaining said ferry shall be borne by the said Chicopee and Holyoke.

Chicopee, June 2, 1879.

Silas Mearns and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, when upon the petition aforesaid the







County Treasurer  
authorized to borrow  
on anticipation of the  
County Tax

Noted. That Mr. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and on anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars, and to make, execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable during the month of October next, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he (the said Bridge) shall elect and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer au-  
thorized to allow rent  
from Mr. L. Stebbins to  
remain due until  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Mr. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, is hereby author-  
ized to allow the rent due June 1<sup>st</sup> 1879 from Mr.  
L. Stebbins amounting to Two hundred Dollars at  
that date, to remain due and unpaid until the  
first day of September next, the County Commis-  
sioners having arranged with said Stebbins to pay the  
same at that time.

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County Treasurer  
authorized to reduce  
the rate of interest

Noted. That the rate of interest upon all Notes held  
by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of Hamp-  
den County at the date hereof shall be fixed at six  
per centum per annum computed from the first  
day of June last past; and that Mr. Wells Bridge,  
County Treasurer be authorized and directed to settle  
all claims for Interest on said Notes in conform-  
ity with the above named rate, until further direct-  
ed by said Commissioners.

County Treasurer au-  
thorized to release por-  
tion of mortgage from  
Mrs Fannie H. Hatch

Mr. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, is hereby author-  
ized and directed upon the payment to him of Six  
Hundred and fifty Dollars to endorse the same upon  
the Note given by Mrs. Fannie H. Hatch to the Com-  
missioners of the Sinking Fund of Hampden County, and  
to release from the operation of the mortgage given to secure  
said note a certain tract of land containing about one  
acre in West Springfield, being the second tract described



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in said mortgage, leaving the remainder of the premises there  
in described as security for the balance due on said note.

Whereas the Board of County Commissioners have, at a  
regular meeting at which I was present, considered and  
duly acted upon the question of making certain repairs at  
the old Court House, including the piping of the building  
for the introduction of the Holly system of heating, and  
did vote that no repairs or piping should be made.  
And whereas the two regular Commissioners, since voting  
as aforesaid, and without consultation with either of the  
special Commissioners, proceed to make said repairs  
and pipe said building for the introduction of the said  
Holly system, now I do hereby protest against their  
course in the matter.

Saml A Bartholomew

Protest of Samuel A  
Bartholomew

(Aug 15) The contract for furnishing the labor and  
material requisite at the old Court House for the  
Holly system of steam heating, is awarded the Phillips  
Manufacturing Company for \$410

Phillips Mfg Co awarded  
the contract for fur-  
nishing labor & material  
requisite at the Old  
Court House for the  
Holly system of heating

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed amounting  
to the sum of seventy eight hundred eighty one dollars and  
thirty nine cent, and the same are ordered to be paid  
from the County Treasury.

Accounts  
\$7851.39

Sundry accounts for the building of a Tourist School authorized by  
the provisions of Chapter two hundred and sixty two of the Stat-  
utes of 1873 amounting to one thousand three hundred and thirty  
eight dollars are allowed and ordered to be paid from the  
County Treasury.

\$1338.00

Sanction Sept 18. 1879. Judgment is entered up according to report and all matters not  
acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Robert O. Morris

Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commission-  
ers begun and holden at Springfield, within  
and for the County of Hampden on the first Tues-  
day of October being the seventh day of said  
month, and by adjournment on the twenty third  
day of said month, on the fifth, seventh and  
eighteenth days of November, on the second day of  
December to the third day of December in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy nine.

Present Newton L. Hubbard Chairman  
Edwin Chase  
Samuel A. Bartholomew Special Commissioner  
Ana L. Potter

J. B. Smith et al vs  
for a new highway and  
discontinuance of high-  
ways in Palmer

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the  
County of Hampden

Respectfully represent the undersigned legal  
officers of Palmer in said County and of Belcher-  
town in our County of Hampden that the public  
convenience and necessity requires that a new high-  
way should be located and constructed in said  
towns of Palmer and Belcherstown. Beginning at a  
point on the easterly side of the Highway leading  
from Palmer to Enfield in the village of Sandville  
in said Palmer nearly opposite the store of Maudsley  
Brothers and running thence northerly about  
two hundred & twenty five (225) feet to the center  
of Swift river the boundary line between said com-  
ties and running thence by the same corner about  
Four Hundred & fifty (450) feet to an angle and  
running thence South Westerly about Four Hundred  
(400) feet and crossing the railroad of the Springfield  
Athol & Northampton R. R. Co to the Highway leading  
from Ware to Andover. That all the land over which  
said highway if located would pass is owned by  
the Eaton Truck Company And your petitioners  
would further represent that the public convenience



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and verily she avers that so much of the Highway leading from Ware to Ludlow in said town of Palmer and Belchertown as lies between the Highway leading from Springfield to Palmer and its intersection with the Highway above prayed for and so much of the Highway leading from Bondville to Belchertown as lies between its intersection with the highway above prayed for and the road leading from Ware to Ludlow should be discontinued. Therefore your petitioner respectfully pray your Honorable body to view said premises, to locate and construct so much of said highway as lies within the County of Hampshire to discontinue so much of the Highways above described as lie within said County of Hampshire to estimate and assess the damage to any party by reason of the laying out or discontinuance of said highways if any and for such further orders and decrees in the premises as to law and justice may appertain and as in duty bound will ever pray

Palmer April 25<sup>th</sup> 1872

W. B. Smith and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the tenth day of June then next and twelve o'clock noon at the office of The Boston Duck Company in Bondville in Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing the parties interested, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Springfield, West & Northeastern Rail Road Company and the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such location and discontinuance are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and hearing, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all



persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican a newspaper published in said County said hearing and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and hearing and before said view and hearing were had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view and hearing and on the said tenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceed to consider and consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twelfth day of August then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the office of the Boston Duck Company in said Danvers, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and discontinue as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location and discontinuance, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twelfth day of August met and proceeded to continue the further consideration of the matter to the next regular meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this meeting, held on the first day of December, A. D. 1872, when the Commissioners do proceed to locate as follows, beginning at the West line of a road leading from Enfield



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to Palmer and running N 75° 10' West 216 feet measuring  
on South line of road laid to the water of Swift River  
said road is laid 3 rods wide and its North line  
produced Easterly would pass 8 feet from the South East  
corner of above mentioned store and is a continuation  
in the same straight line of the present road be-  
tween store and Catholic Church. Variation of Needle  
10° East. The road is to be built twenty feet wide, crowned  
twelve inches. The elevation of the bridge to be deter-  
mined by the Surveyors of Palmer and Belchertown  
and to be built in all respects equal to the old  
one which is to be discontinued on the completion  
and acceptance of the new road and bridge. All  
to be done in a thorough and workmanlike manner  
and to be completed on or before the first of July  
1881 to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.  
The work is to be done on all expense to be paid  
by the Eaton Duck Company together with the  
amount of seventy five dollars allowed to  
Duncan as damages.

Newton S. Hubbard } County  
Edwin Spaul } Commissioners.  
Ora S. Potter } Special

All of which, by the report of said Commission-  
ers filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid pe-  
tition, fully appears. And now the said report being  
read and considered is accepted, and the road es-  
tablished as and for a public highway.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampshire

Dennis Stebbins  
(Att. for a Jury)

Respectfully represents Dennis Stebbins of Belchertown  
in said County of Hampshire that he was the owner  
of a certain tract of land situate on both sides of  
Broad Brook in said Belchertown bounded Northerly  
by land of John M. Williams and by land late  
of Horatio Rice deceased and on the easterly side of  
said brook Easterly by land of Henry Davis and  
land of Silas Whitney and on the Westerly side of  
said brook Easterly by land of Jefferson White and

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land of Richard Springfield Southwold by land of  
 said White and land of John Tadakin and that  
 by land of said John M. Williams and the  
 highway leading from Belchertown to Palmer past  
 the petitioner's dwelling house that the city of Springfield  
 in said county of Hampden in or about the  
 year 1875 and while your petitioner was the owner  
 of said tract as aforesaid under and by virtue of  
 the provisions of chapter 345 of the acts of the year  
 1873 being entitled an act to supply the City of  
 Springfield with pure water and acts in amendment  
 thereof and in addition thereto took and flowed for  
 the purposes named in said several acts a part of  
 your petitioner's said land that your petitioner be-  
 ing unable to agree with said City upon the as-  
 sessment of his damages sustained by reason of said  
 taking and flowing as aforesaid within one year  
 after said damages were so sustained by him made  
 a written application to the County Commissioners for  
 said County of Hampden to have such damages  
 appraised by them that after due hearing on said  
 application on the twenty fifth day of June A.D.  
 1876 being within one year previous to the filing of  
 this petition said Commissioners estimated and  
 appraised the damages of your petitioner at the sum  
 of Two Hundred and Twenty Six Dollars and  
 seventy cents which your petitioner considers and  
 believes to be inadequate compensation for his said  
 damages and refuses to accept the same. Therefore  
 your petitioner being aggrieved by the doing of said  
 commissioners in the estimation of said damages prays  
 that he may have the same settled by a jury.  
 Dated June 6-1877

Daniel Stebbins

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
 the County Commissioners holden at Springfield  
 within and for said County on the second Tues-  
 day of April in the year of our Lord one thou-  
 sand eight hundred and seventy nine and was  
 continued to the meeting holden for said County  
 on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year last



aforsaid, and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of July in the year last aforesaid, when it was ordered that the petitioner give notice to the said City of Springfield to appear before the said County Commissioners, at the Court House, in Springfield aforesaid, on Tuesday the fifth day of August next, at ten o'clock. And Mr. [unclear] serving it with an attested copy of said petition and of this order fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of August, that it might then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. At said June Meeting to wit: on the fifth day of August, eighteen hundred and twenty nine, it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represents Jefferson White of Belchertown in said County of Hampden that in the year 1875 and for a long time before he was and ever since has been the owner of a certain tract of land lying on both sides of Broad Brook in said Belchertown containing about nine acres, bounded easterly by land of Merrill & Williams, southerly by land formerly of Silas Morse, and now of Richard Granfield, easterly wholly or in part by land of said Granfield, and westerly by land of said Williams, that the city of Springfield in said County of Hampden in or about said year 1875 and while your petitioner was the owner of said tract as aforesaid under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter 345 of the acts of the year 1872 being entitled an act to supply the city of Springfield with pure water

Jefferson White Pet.  
for a Jury

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said acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto took and flowed for the purpose named in said several acts a part of your petitioner said land. that your petitioner being unable to agree with said City upon the amount of his damages sustained by reason of said taking and flowing as aforesaid within one year after said damages were so sustained by him made a written application to the County Commissioners for said County of Springfield to have such damages appraised by them. that after due hearing on said application on the twenty fifth day of June A.D. 1877 being within one year previous to the filing of this petition said Commissioners estimated and appraised the damages of your petitioner at the sum of one hundred and eighty one dollars and thirty six cents which your petitioner considers and believes to be inadequate compensation for his said damages and refuses to accept the same. Therefore your petitioner being aggrieved by the doing of said commissioners in the estimation of said damages prays that he may have the same settled by a jury  
 Dated June 6 - 1879

Jefferson White

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine and was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year last aforesaid, and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of July in the year last aforesaid, when it was ordered that the petitioner give notice to the said City of Springfield to appear before the said County Commissioners at the Court House in Springfield aforesaid on Tuesday the fifth day of August next and ten o'clock A.M. by serving it with an attached copy of said petition and of this order fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of August that it might



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then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. At said June meeting to wit on the fifth day of August eighteen hundred and seventy nine, it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

June 21<sup>st</sup> William  
Pet. for a Jury

Respectfully represents June 21<sup>st</sup> Williams of Belchertown in said County of Hampshire that in the year 1875 and for a long time before he was and ever since has been the owner of a certain tract of land situate on the westerly side of Broad Brook in said Belchertown and bounded Easterly by land of Merrill & Williams lying between said tract and said brook. Northerly by land of Wilbur F. White. Westerly by the highway leading from Springfield to Belchertown and Southerly by land of said Merrill & Williams, that the City of Springfield in said County of Hampden in or about said year 1875 and while your petitioner was the owner of said tract as aforesaid under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 345 of the acts of the year 1872 being entitled an act to supply the City of Springfield with pure water and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto took and flowed for the purpose named in said several acts a part of your petitioner's said land, that your petitioner being unable to agree with said City upon the amount of his damages sustained by reason of said taking and flowing as aforesaid within one year after said damages were so sustained by him made a written application to the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden to have such damages appraised

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Pet.



by them - that after due hearing on said application on the twenty fifth day of June A.D. 1877 being within one year previous to the filing of this petition said Commissioners estimated and appraised the damages of your petitioner at the sum of forty five dollars which your petitioner considers and believes to be inadequate compensation for his said damages and refuses to accept the same. Therefore your petitioner being aggrieved by the doing of said commissioners in the estimation of said damages prays that he may have the same settled by a jury  
Dated June 5 - 1877

John W. Williams

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven and was continued to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year last aforesaid and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of July in the year last aforesaid when it was ordered that the petitioner give notice to the said City of Springfield to appear before the said County Commissioners at the Court House in Springfield aforesaid on Tuesday the fifth day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. by serving it with an attested copy of said petition and of this order fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of August that it might then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And at said June Meeting to wit on the fifth day of August eighteen hundred and seventy seven it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



To the County Commissioners of Hampshire County  
The undersigned citizens of Blandford in said  
County would respectfully represent that that part of  
the highway leading from Russell Depot to Blandford  
Center that is in the Town of Blandford has been  
improved by private persons so as to require widening & reloca-  
ting in parts thereof. Your petitioners therefore ask your  
Hon. Board to view the premises at your earliest con-  
venience and make such alterations in said high-  
way as the public convenience and necessity may  
seem to require.

Blandford, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1879.

J<sup>rs</sup> Wm. Lewis and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting  
of the County Commissioners holden at Spring-  
field, within and for said County on the fourth  
Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, at  
which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view  
of the premises expedient, appointed Monday, the sixth  
day of October then next and 11 o'clock in the  
forenoon, at the dwelling-house of Lyman S. Lys.  
in Blandford, as the time and place for viewing  
the premises, and caused a copy of said petition  
to be served upon the clerk of the town of Bland-  
ford, being the town within which such alterations  
are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time  
appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts  
of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to  
be posted in two public places in said town,  
and also gave notice to all persons interested, by  
causing a copy of said petition to be published three  
weeks successively in the New England Homestead,  
a newspaper published in said County, said  
peting and the last publication of said copy hav-  
ing been fourteen days at least before the time  
appointed for said view, and before said view  
was had, said Commissioners gave notice in  
like manner as described in the foregoing notice  
of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time  
and place for commencing said view. And on the

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J<sup>rs</sup> Wm. Lewis and others

for alterations of high-

way in Blandford.

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said sixth day of October the Commissioners met  
 at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to  
 view the premises, and having viewed the same the  
 Commissioners then determined to hear the parties  
 at the same time of said view, and having heard  
 the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to  
 consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said  
 petition, and after considering the same said Com-  
 missioners did then and there adjudge that con-  
 venience and necessity require that the  
 prayer of the petition be granted, and the proceed-  
 ings in the matter were continued to the next reg-  
 ular meeting of the County Commissioners and so  
 from meeting to meeting to the meeting held the  
 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October A.D. 1879, when, as at the time  
 of said view no persons interested objecting thereto,  
 the Commissioners proceed to locate as follows, com-  
 mencing at a stone monument on the line between  
 Frank D. Ego and Herman D. Ego lands then  
 running over H. D. Ego land and the old high-  
 way South seventy two degrees East two hundred and  
 ninety three feet to a stone the highway for this  
 course and distance is sixty five feet wide at the  
 commencement and widens to one hundred and  
 ten feet at the end Then over lands of H. D. Ego  
 H. D. Hastings and the old road South thirty six  
 and a half degrees East, forty six feet to a stone,  
 the highway for this course and distance is one  
 hundred and ten feet wide at the commencement  
 and narrows to one hundred feet at the end -  
 Then over lands of H. D. Hastings and Lewis John-  
 son South fifty eight and a quarter degrees East  
 two hundred and eight feet to a marked Elm  
 Tree, the highway for the last course and distance  
 is one hundred feet wide at the commencement  
 and narrows to fifty feet at the end, the lines are  
 run and the bounds are set on the Northern side  
 of the location. The variation of the Needle is two  
 degrees West. The County Commissioners having  
 heard all persons and corporations interested in  
 relation to the question of damages who expressed a



done to be heard, shown, considered and adjudged that there  
 shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of  
 Twenty Two Dollars to H. B. Rice. \$22.00  
 the sum of Ten Dollars to H. B. Hastings. \$10.00  
 the sum of Thirty Five Dollars to Edwin Johnson. \$35.00  
 the same being in full compensation for all dama-  
 ges sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing  
 location. No other persons or corporations having ap-  
 peared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the  
 Commissioners none other being entitled to damages,  
 none are awarded. The owner of land over which  
 the foregoing alterations of highway are made, are  
 allowed until the first day of November, A. D.  
 1879, to remove their timber, trees and fences there-  
 from. And it is further ordered by the County  
 Commissioners, that the said town of Sandford  
 cause the foregoing described highway to be made  
 and completed in accordance with the foregoing  
 order and to the acceptance of the County Com-  
 missioners, on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, A. D.  
 1880.

Winton S. Hubbard

Edwin Chase

Wm. D. Potter Special

County

Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commis-  
 sioners filed among the proceedings on the afore-  
 said petition, fully appears. And now the said  
 report being read and considered is accepted,  
 and the road established as and for a public  
 highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of

Hampden.

James Donovan  
(Pet for a Jury)

James Donovan of the City of Spring-  
 field in said County, respectfully complains & rep-  
 resents that he is the owner of a certain lot of  
 land situated on the southerly side of Sharon Street  
 in said Springfield & described as follows, bounded  
 northerly by said Sharon street, easterly by land of  
 Timothy Shea, southerly by land of the W. B. Brown  
 land formerly of John Harrington, & westerly by land

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of Margaret Donlan. That on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut street. That in complying with & in carrying out said order, & in rebuilding said street in connection therewith, the said City has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that he seasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damages, but they refused to award him any sum therefor, & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.

James Donoran

By Morris & Copeland his attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners should meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County



a be Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear  
 and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said  
 petition. But this petition was continued from meeting  
 to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the  
 first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred and seventy eight where  
 the following verdict and order was received from  
 the Superior Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
 Hampden Co. Superior Court. October Term, 1878 To the  
 County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In  
 the case of James Donovan, petitioner for a jury  
 where in which a warrant was ordered by the said  
 County Commissioners, and was issued dated  
 May 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1877 and has been returned into  
 this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict  
 of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows.  
 The Jurors empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff  
 of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day  
 of July A. D. 1877 for the purpose mentioned in  
 the warrant in this case issued on the petitions  
 of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes,  
 Ellen Keating, George Ringston, George Ringston and  
 James Ringston, John Malone, Maurice Malone,  
 Thomas M<sup>rs</sup> Lurvey, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea,  
 John Vekke and Mary Vekke, Patrick Henry, Patrick  
 O'Brien and Michael Conry, against the inhabit-  
 ants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly  
 sworn, and having chosen Isaac D. Lowell foreman  
 by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises and  
 fully hearing the parties estimate and assess the  
 amounts of damages sustained by the said peti-  
 tioners by reason of the raising and filling up of  
 Sharon Street as follows to wit: to James Donovan  
 the sum of one Dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin  
 the sum of one Dollar damage to Bartholomew  
 Hayes the sum of one dollar damage to Ellen Keating  
 the sum of one dollar damage, to George Ringston  
 the sum of one dollar damage, to George Ringston  
 and James Ringston jointly, the sum of one dollar  
 damage to John Malone the sum of one dollar dam-  
 age, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar



damage, to Thomas W. Spring the sum of one dol-  
lar damage, to Budget Sullivan the sum of one  
dollar damages, to Dennis Shea the sum of one  
dollar damage, to John Veeh and Mary Veeh  
jointly the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick  
Dewney the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick  
F. Brown the sum of one dollar damage, to Mi-  
chael L. May the sum of one dollar damage the above  
awards is a just and reasonable compensation for  
all damages sustained by said petitioners.

J. A. Arnold Foreman

Ebenzer S. Flower

Sam W. Whitlock

William Taylor

Franklin Wade

R. H. Lippor

Benjamin Belcher

A. E. Allen

George W. Bourne

Arthur J. Daylord

George W. Allen

James E. Champion

Alfred

R. W. Morris

Black

And this petition was continued from meeting to  
meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by  
said Commissioners that said verdict and ad-  
judication be recorded, and that the said James  
Dewran recover judgment against the said City  
of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages  
and costs of suits taxed at forty three dollars and  
one cent.

Warrant of Disturb of Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1872

Patrick Griffin Pet.  
for a Jury

To the County Commissioners of the County of  
Lancaster

The City of Springfield  
1874

Patrick Griffin of the City of Springfield, in  
said County respectfully complains & represents that he  
is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the  
southerly side of Sharon street in said Springfield & de-  
scribed as follows: bounded northerly by said street  
Easterly by land of Mrs. Lynch, southerly by land of  
Dant Buckley & westerly by land of one Tucker: that  
on the twenty-fifth day of May A. D. 1874 the City  
Council of said City of Springfield ordered a  
sidewalk to be laid out, established & constructed on  
both sides of said Sharon street from Main street



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is & submit that in complying with & in carrying out said order & in retaining said land in connection therewith the said City has elevated & caused said land of waste & adjoining your petitioner said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that he seasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damage but they refused to award him any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.

Patrick Griffin

By Morris & Copeland his attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in



the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and seventy eight: when the following verdict and  
 order was received from the Superior Court Commis-  
 wealth of Massachusetts & Hampshire Superior Court Oc-  
 tober Term 1878 To the County Commissioners of the  
 County of Hampshire. In the case of Patrick Griffin  
 petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was or-  
 dered by the said County Commissioners and was  
 issued dated May 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1877 and has been returned  
 unto this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict  
 of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows.  
 The jurors empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the  
 County of Hampshire on the twentieth day of July  
 A.D. 1877 for the purpose mentioned in the war-  
 rant in this case, issued on the petition of James  
 Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen  
 Keating, George Ringston, George Ringston and James  
 Ringston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas  
 M<sup>c</sup>Querry, Bridget Sullivan Dennis Shea, John  
 Vekki and Mary Vekki, Patrick Hursey, Patrick  
 O'Driscoll and Michael Conroy, against the inhab-  
 itants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly  
 sworn and having chosen Isaac B. Lowell foreman  
 by ballot after carefully viewing the premises and ful-  
 ly hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts  
 of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason  
 of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as  
 follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dol-  
 lar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar  
 damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar  
 damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar dam-  
 age, to George Ringston the sum of one dollar damage,  
 to George Ringston and James Ringston jointly, the  
 sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum  
 of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum  
 of one dollar damage, to Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Querry the sum  
 of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum  
 of one dollar damages, to Dennis Shea the sum of  
 one dollar damage, to John Vekki and Mary Vekki  
 jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Hur-  
 sey the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Driscoll



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the sum of one dollar damage to Mutual & saving the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

A. J. Lovell & Foreman

Geo. W. Whitlock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen

Alfred

Robt. C. Morris Clerk

Ebenzer S. Flower

William Taylor

R. H. Lippert

A. S. Allen

Arthur T. Gaylord

James E. Champion

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commission that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said Patrick Sullivan recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages and costs of suit, taxed at fifty three dollars and forty one cents.

Warrant of District of No. 11 1879.

To the County Commissioner of the County of Hampden.

Bartholomew Hayes  
Pet for a Judge

Bartholomew Hayes of the city of Springfield, in said county, respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the southerly side of Sharon street in said city, described as follows. Bounded northerly by said Sharon street 3 rods, easterly by land now or formerly of Patrick Quinn 1 1/2 feet, southerly by land of said Quinn 3 rods, & westerly by land of one Harrington formerly of J. A. Sawyer 1 1/2 feet. That on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. eighteen hundred & seventy four the City Council of said City of Springfield, ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut street. That in complying with & in carrying out said order & in repairing said street in connection therewith the said City has elevated & raised the said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said

The City of Springfield



land to his great damage. And your petitioner  
further complains & says that he reasonable peti-  
tioned to the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of  
Springfield to estimate & award him just compen-  
sation for his said damages - but they refused to  
award him any sum therefor. and being aggrieved  
thereby he now prays that he may have a jury  
to determine the matter of this complaint & that  
a warrant may be duly issued for that purpose.

Bartholomew Hayes

By Morris & Copeland his attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of  
the County Commissioners holden at Springfield  
within and for said County, on the fourth Tues-  
day of June in the year of our Lord one thou-  
sand eight hundred and seventy six, when it  
was ordered that the Commissioners would meet  
for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the  
Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of August next at ten o'clock A.M. and that  
the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of  
this order thereon to be served upon the City of  
Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said  
31<sup>st</sup> day of August that it might appear and be  
heard upon said petition. And this petition was  
continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting  
holden for said County on the second Tuesday of  
April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment  
on the first day of May in the year last aforesaid,  
at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant  
for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly  
issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his  
Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear  
and determine the matter of complaint set forth  
in said petition. And this petition was continued  
from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for  
said County on the first Tuesday of October in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy eight, when the following verdict and  
order was received from the Superior Court & Commonwealth



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of Massachusetts. Superior Court. October Term 1877 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden In the case of Bartholomew Hayes petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of July A. D. 1877 for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, named on the petition of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas McQuinn, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Velek and Mary Velek, Patrick Kenney, Patrick Widmon and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lovell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit. to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas McQuinn the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damages, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Velek and Mary Velek jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Kenney the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Widmon the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable



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compensation for all damages sustained by said  
petitioners.

L. A. Small Foreman

Geo. W. Shulock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen

Attest: Robert C. Morris

Ebenzer L. Finner

William Taylor

R. H. Fisher

A. E. Allen

Arthur F. Fayard

James S. Champion

Clerk

And this petition was continued from meeting to  
meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered  
by said Commissioners that said verdict and  
adjudication be recorded, and that the said San-  
tholomew Hayes recover judgment against the  
said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar  
damages, and costs of suit, taxed thirty seven dollars  
and eighty one cents.

Warrant of Distress of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

Ellen Keating Vt.  
for a Jury

The City of Springfield  
1879

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Ellen Keating of the City of Springfield, in the said  
County respectfully complains & sheweth that she is the  
owner of a certain lot of land situated on the South-  
ly side of Sharon street in said Springfield & described  
as follows, bounded northerly by said street, easterly by  
land of John Fitzgerald, southerly by land of Daniel  
Buckley & westerly by land of Mrs. Mary Lynch, that  
on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City Council  
of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid  
out, established, & constructed on both sides of said Sharon  
street from Main street to Chestnut street that in  
complying with & in carrying out said order & in re-  
pairing said street in connection therewith, the said  
city has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining  
your petitioner's said land to her great damage.  
And your petitioner further complains & says that  
she repeatedly petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of  
said City of Springfield to estimate & award her just  
compensation for her said damages, but they refused  
to award her any sum therefor, & being aggrieved by



she now prays that she may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.

Ellen Keating

By Messrs. L. & L. her attys.

The foregoing petition was returned at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners should meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August next, at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, when the following verdict and order was received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampshire Superior Court, October Term, 1878. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire. In the case of Ellen Keating petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1877 and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that



the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows: The jury empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampshire on the twentieth day of July, A. D. 1877 for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, viewed on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Heating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M. Perry, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Veleh and Mary Veleh, Patrick Kenney, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conroy against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn and having chosen Isaac S. Lowell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises and fully hearing the parties, deliberate and assess the amount of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas M. Perry the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Veleh and Mary Veleh jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Kenney the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

Isaac S. Lowell Foreman	George A. Allen
Geo. W. Thibault	Chas. S. Flower
Franklin Wade	William Taylor
Benjamin Belcher	R. H. Parker
George A. Conroy	A. S. Allen



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Arthur E. Taylor

James B. Chapman

Attest: Robert O. Morris Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said Ellen Keating recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages and cost of suit, taxed at sixty seven dollars and sixty six cents.

Warrant of Deduction if? Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampd. George Kingston (Petitioner) of the City of Springfield, in said County, respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the southerly side of Sharon street in said Springfield & described as follows, bounded northerly by said Sharon street, easterly by land of Daniel J. Harrington, southerly by land formerly John Harrington, & westerly by land of Dennis Shea. That on the twenty-fifth of May A. D. 1874 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut street. That in complying with & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith, the city has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that he reasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damages, but they refused to award him any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.

George Kingston

By Morris & Escheland his attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of



the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, with  
 us and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of  
 June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
 hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that  
 the Commissioners should meet for the purpose of acting  
 upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield  
 on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August next at ten o'clock  
 A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said  
 petition and of this order thereon to be served upon  
 the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before  
 the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, that it might appear  
 and be heard upon said petition. And this petition  
 was continued from meeting to meeting to the meet-  
 ing holden for said County on the second Tues-  
 day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 eight hundred and seventy seven, and by ad-  
 journment on the first day of May, in the year  
 last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered  
 that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a  
 warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of  
 said County & his Deputy to summon a jury of  
 twelve men to hear and determine the matter of  
 complaint set forth in said petition. And this pe-  
 tition was continued from meeting to meeting to the  
 meeting holden for said County on the first Tues-  
 day of October, in the year of our Lord one thou-  
 sand eight hundred and seventy eight, when  
 the following verdict and order was received from  
 the Superior Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 at Springfield, a Superior Court, October Term, 1878 To  
 the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
 In the case of George Kingston, petitioner for a jury,  
 upon which a warrant was ordered by the said  
 County Commissioners, and was issued dated May  
 14<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into the Court.  
 It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be ac-  
 cepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empan-  
 nelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of  
 Hampden, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for  
 the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case,  
 issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Coffey



Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Heating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Energy, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Vekh and Mary Vekh, Patrick Kenney, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Enny, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac A. Small for man by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amount of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Shaver Street, as follows to wit, to James Emerson the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Heating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Energy the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Vekh and Mary Vekh jointly the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Kenney the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Enny the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

I. B. Lovell, Foreman.

Frederic Wheelock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George H. Converse

George W. Allen

Attest, Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Stenger S. Flower

William Taylor

R. H. Lepper

A. S. Allen

Arthur F. Chaylord

James S. Chapman

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said George



Kingston recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages, and costs of suit, taxed at fifty three dollars and eighty one cents.

Warrant of District of No. 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

George Kingston et al  
Petra for a Jury  
The City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. George Kingston & James Kingston of the City of Springfield in said County respectfully complain & represent that they are the owners of a certain lot of land situated on the northerly side of Sharon Street in said Springfield & described as follows bounded easterly by said Sharon street westerly by land of John Burns northerly by land of one Donahue & westerly by land of Michael Donahue That on the twenty fifth day of May A. D. 1874 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out established & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut street. That in complying with & in carrying out said order & in repairing said street in connection therewith the said City has elevated & raised the said street opposite & adjoining your petitioners said land to their great damage And your petitioners further complain & say that they seasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award them just compensation for their said damage, but they refused to award them any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby they now pray that they may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may be issued for that purpose.

George Kingston

James Kingston

By Morris & Copeland their attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six when it was



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ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the thirty first day of August next at two o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said thirty first day of August that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, where the following verdict and order was received from the Superior Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts. *Kamphden v. Superior Court. October Term 1878.* To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire. In the case of George Kingston and James Kingston, petitioners for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1877 and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jury empanelled by A. M. Bradley, Sheriff of the County of Hampshire, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, sworn on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Tuffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas McQuay, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Telle and Mary Telle, Patrick Quigley Patrick O'Brien and



Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn and having chosen Isaac S. Smith, foreman by ballot after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amount of damage sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Duffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Murray the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Vekb and Mary Vekb jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

A. S. Smith's Foreman

Geo W. Thibault

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Converse

George H. Allen

Attest:

Robert C. Morris Clerk

Cheney S. Foster

William Taylor

R. H. Pipher

A. S. Allen

Arthur T. Gaylord

James S. Champion

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said George Kingston and James Kingston recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damage and costs of suit, and at fifty eight dollars and sixty one cents.

Verdict of District of 3 Nov 12 1877



John Malone (Pet for  
The City of Springfield)  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
John Malone of the City of Springfield, in said County respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the north side of Sharon street in said City, described as follows: Southwesterly by said Sharon street; easterly by land of Michael Donagan, northerly by land of one Donahue & land of Michael Garvey, & westerly by land of Michael Garvey being same land which was conveyed to him by deed of D. S. Swan dated August 31 1872. That on the twenty fifth day of May A. D. eighteen hundred & seventy four the City Council of said Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established & constructed on both sides of Sharon street aforesaid, from Main street to Chestnut street. That in complying with, & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith, the said city has elevated & raised the said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that he seasonably petitioned to the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his damages - but they refused to award him any sum therefor. And being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint.

John Malone

By Morris & Copeland his attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners should meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the thirty-first day of August next at ten o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said thirty-



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first day of August that it might appear and  
be heard upon said petition. And this petition was  
continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting  
helden for said County on the second Tuesday of  
April, and by adjournment on the first day of  
May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and seventy seven, at which meeting it  
was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued,  
and a warrant was duly issued requiring the  
Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon  
a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the  
matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And  
this petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to the meeting helden for said County on the first  
Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, when  
the following verdict and order was received from  
the Superior Court: Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss. Superior Court, October Term, 1878.  
To the County Commissioners of the County of Hamp-  
den. In the case of John Malone, petitioner for a  
jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the  
said County Commissioners, and was issued dated  
May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into  
this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of  
the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The  
jurors empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the  
County of Hampden on the twentieth day of July  
A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the war-  
rant in this case, issued on the petition of James  
Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hays, John Keating,  
George Kingdon, George Kingdon and James Kingdon,  
John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M. & Henry,  
Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Fickel and  
Mary Fickel, Patrick Kewney, Patrick Vidrine and  
Michael Dwyer, against the inhabitants of the City  
of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and  
having chosen Isaac A. Lovell foreman by ballot,  
after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing  
the parties estimate and assess the amount of dam-  
age sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the



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meeting and filling up of Sharon Street as follows, to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Jerny the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage to John Wick and Mary Wick jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Jerny the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage to Michael Gray the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

J. B. Smith & Foreman

Ebenezer S. Flinn

Geo. V. Whitlock

William Taylor

Franklin Wade

R. L. Pepper

Benjamin Belcher

A. S. Allen

George W. Converse

Arthur T. Gaylord

George W. Allen

James B. Champion

Attest: Robert D. Morris Clerk

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said John Malone recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages, and costs of suit, taxed at thirty seven dollar and eighty one cents

Warrant of Distress if<sup>d</sup> Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden Maurice Malone of the City of Springfield, in said County respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of a certain lot of land

Maurice Malone Pet<sup>r</sup>  
for a Jury  
The City of Springfield  
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on the westerly side of Sharon Street in said Springfield & described as follows. bounded Northerly on said Sharon street; easterly by land of John O'Brien, north-  
westerly by land of Thomas Voss & land of Flora Donovan & westerly by land of Flora Donovan. That on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Meane street to Chestnut street. That in complying with & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith, the said city has elevated & raised the said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that he reasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to reticulate & award him just compensation for his said damages - but they refused to award him any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint, & that a warrant may be duly issued for that purpose.

Maurice Malone

By Morris & Copeland his attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the thirty-first day of August next at two o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said thirty-first day of August; that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and



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meeting were, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, when the following verdict and order was received from the Superior Court Common-wealth of Massachusetts. Hampden, ss Superior Court. October Term, 1878 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden In the case of Maurice Malone, petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1st A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by A.M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petition of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingdon, George Kingdon and James Kingdon, John Whalone, Maurice Whalone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup>. Lantry, Bridget Sullivan, Dominic Shea, John Webb and Mary Webb, Patrick Kurney, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Kurney, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having lawfully sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lord foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and falling up of Sharon Street, as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingdon the sum of one



dollar damage to George Hargrave and Jane Hargrave jointly, the sum of one dollar damage to John Whalton the sum of one dollar damage to Maurice Whalton the sum of one dollar damage to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Anney the sum of one dollar damage to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage to John Fick and Mary Fick jointly, the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage. the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

A. S. Swell Foreman  
 Geo. W. Wheelock  
 Franklin Wade  
 Benjamin Belcher  
 George W. Barrows  
 George W. Allen  
 Attest: Robert O. Morris Clerk

Esseuger J. Foster  
 William Taylor  
 R. H. Dwyer  
 A. S. Allen  
 Arthur J. Paylor  
 James S. Champion

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said Maurice Whalton recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages and costs of suit: taxed at fifty eight dollars and eighty one cents.

Tenant of District of No. 14 1879

Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Anney  
 Pet. for a Jury  
 The City of Springfield  
 vs.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
 Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Anney of the City of Springfield in said County, respectfully complains & represents that he is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the north-  
 ern side of Sharon street in said Springfield & described as follows bounded southerly by said Sharon street, easterly by land of Michael & Mary Moore, northerly by land of one Hull & westerly by land of Ellen & Michael Conroy. That on the twenty-fifth day of May A. D. 1874 the City Council of said City of Springfield



about a sidewalk to be laid out, established & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut street. That on complying with, & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith, the said city has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that he seasonably petitioned to the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damage, but they refused to award him any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may be duly issued for that purpose.

Thomas M<sup>rs</sup> Curran

By Meares & DeFeland his attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, where it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court Room in Springfield on Thursday the thirty first day of August next at ten o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said thirty first day of August, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition.



And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight when the following verdict and order was received from the Superior Court: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Superior Court October Term 1878 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire in the case of Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Cherry, petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was issued by the said County Commissioners and was issued dated May 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1877 and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jury empanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampshire on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877 for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case issued on the petitions of James Donnan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hays, Ellen Keating, George Kingdon, George Kingdon and James Kingdon, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Cherry, Dredget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Vekb and Mary Vekb, Patrick Donmy, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Donmy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Serac D. Reed foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damage sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows, to wit: to James Donnan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hays the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingdon the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingdon and James Kingdon jointly the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Cherry the sum of one dollar damage, to Dredget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Vekb and



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Mary Webb jointly the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael O'Connell the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

J. B. Sewell & Freeman

For W. Thulock

Franklin Tade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Kinnear

George W. Allen

Attest: Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Esseuger S. Flaver

William Taylor

R. L. Sicker

A. E. Allen

Arthur T. Paylord

James S. Champion

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said Thomas M. O'Connell recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages and costs of suit, taxed at seventy nine dollars and forty one cents.

Warrant of Distress of No. 44 1879

To the County Commissioner of the County of Hampden. Bridget Sullivan of the City of Springfield, in said County, respectfully complains & represents that she is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the north-ely side of Sharon street in said Springfield, described as follows: bounded southerly by said Sharon street, easterly by land of Timothy Henney, northerly by land of Frank Leonard, & westerly by land of Ellen Murphy. That on the twenty fifth day of May A.D. 1878 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established, & constructed on both sides of said Sharon street from Main street to Chestnut street. That in complying with, & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith, the said city has elevated & raised the said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your

Bridget Sullivan  
Pet for a Jury

The City of Springfield  
vs



petitioner further complains & says that she reasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damages but they refused to award him any sum thereof & being aggrieved thereby she now prays that she may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue for that purpose.

Bridget Sullivan

By Morris & England her attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the thirty first day of August next at two o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said thirty first day of August; that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight when the following verdict and order was received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampshire, ss Superior Court, October Term.



1877 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of Bridget Sullivan, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was issued by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 14<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1877 and has been returned into the Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jury empanelled by A. Mc. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petition of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Ringston, George Ringston and James Ringston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas Mc. Inerney, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Vekb and Mary Vekb, Patrick Kenney, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn and having chosen Isaac A. Lovell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Ringston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Ringston and James Ringston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas Mc. Inerney the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damages, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Vekb and Mary Vekb jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Kenney the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable



compensation for all damages sustained by said  
petitioner.

A. D. Lord & Foreman

Geo W. Wheelock

Franklin Tade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen

Alfred Robert O. Morris Clerk

Ebenzer L. Flower

William Taylor

R. L. Leffler

A. E. Allen

Arthur T. Fayard

James O. Champion

And this petition was continued from meeting to  
meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by  
said Commissioners that said verdict and ad-  
judication be recorded, and that the said Bridget  
Sullivan recover judgment against the said City  
of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages  
and costs of suit, taxed at fifty three dollars and  
forty one cents.

Assant of District of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

Deanna Shea Subj. for  
a Jury

The City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Deanna Shea of the City of Springfield in said  
County respectfully complains & represents that he is the  
owner of a certain lot of land situated on the south-  
ely side of Sharon Street in said Springfield & described  
as follows. Bounded northerly by said Sharon Street,  
easterly by land of George Harrington, southerly by land  
formerly of John Harrington, & westerly by land former-  
ly of Michael Harrington. That on the twenty-fifth day  
of May A. D. 1877 the City Council of said City of  
Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, estab-  
lished & constructed on both sides of said Sharon Street  
from Main Street to Chestnut Street. That in comply-  
ing with & in carrying out said order, & in repairing  
said street in connection therewith, the City has elevat-  
ed & raised said street opposite & adjoining your peti-  
tioner's said lot to his great damage. And your pe-  
titioner further complains & says that he reasonably re-  
quested the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Spring-  
field to estimate & award him just compensation for  
his said damages, but they refused to award him



any sum thereof & being aggrieved thereby he now prays  
that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this  
complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.

Dennis Shea

By Maria & Ireland his attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within  
and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-  
dred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the  
Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting  
upon said petition at the Court House in Spring-  
field on Thursday the thirty-first day of August  
next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner  
cause a copy of said petition and of this order  
thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield, four  
ten days at least before the said thirty-first day  
of August: that it might appear and be heard  
upon said petition. And this petition was contin-  
ued from meeting to meeting to the meeting held  
in for said County on the second Tuesday of the  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-  
dred and seventy seven, and by adjournment  
on the first day of May in the year last afore-  
said, at which meeting it was ordered that a  
warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was  
duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County  
or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men  
to hear and determine the matter of complaint  
set forth in said petition. And this petition was  
continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting  
holden for said County on the first Tuesday of Octo-  
ber in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and seventy eight, when the following rec-  
dict and order was received from the Superior  
Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Hampshire ss.  
Superior Court. October Term. 1878. To the Deputy  
Commissioner of the County of Hampshire. In the case  
of Dennis Shea, petitioner for a jury, upon which a  
warrant was ordered by the said County Commis-  
sioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and



has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors empanelled by J. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampshire, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petition of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Lacey, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Webb and Mary Webb, Patrick Henry, Patrick O'Brien and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn and having chosen Isaac B. Lovell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and putting up of Charcoal Sticks, as follows to wit, to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly the sum of one dollar damage to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Lacey the sum of one dollar damage to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Webb and Mary Webb jointly, the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damage sustained by said petitioners.

A. B. Lovell } Foreman  
 Geo. W. Woodcock  
 Franklin Wade  
 Benjamin Belcher  
 George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen  
 Ebenezer S. Flower  
 William Taylor  
 R. B. Lecher  
 A. B. Allen



Allen F. Taylor James E. Thompson  
 Clerk Robert W. Moore Clerk

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
 to this meeting and now it is ordered by said Com-  
 missioners that said verdict and adjudication be  
 recorded, and that the said Dennis Thua recover  
 judgment against the said City of Springfield for  
 the sum of one dollar damages, and costs of suit  
 and at forty eight dollar and twenty one cents  
 Warrant of Distress if? Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1879.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hamp-  
 den.

John Vekb et al  
 Pet for a Jury

John Vekb & Mary Vekb both of the City of  
 Springfield, in the County of Hampden aforesaid, re-  
 spectfully complain & represent that they are the owners  
 of a certain lot of land situated on the northerly  
 side of Sharon Street in said Springfield, described  
 as follows bounded southerly by said Sharon Street  
 easterly by land of Johnannah Torrey, northerly by  
 land of Mrs. Jennings & land of an Adams & west-  
 erty by land of Michael Conner That on the twenty-  
 fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City Council of said  
 City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid  
 out established & constructed on both sides of said  
 Sharon Street from Main Street to Chestnut Street  
 That in complying with & in carrying out said  
 order & in repairing said street in connection there-  
 with, the said City has elevated & raised the said  
 street opposite & adjoining your petitioners said land  
 to their great damage. And your petitioners further  
 complain & say that they seasonably petitioned the  
 Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to re-  
 mate & award them just compensation for their said  
 damages - but they refused to award them any sum-  
 thing & being aggrieved thereby they now pray that  
 they may have a jury to determine the matter of this  
 complaint & that a warrant may duly issue for that  
 purpose.

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John Vekb  
 Mary Vekb



By Memorandum & Copeland their attys.  
 The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
 County Commissioners holden at Springfield within  
 and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and seventy six when it was ordered that the Com-  
 missioners should meet for the purpose of acting upon said  
 petition at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday  
 the thirty-first day of August next at Ten o'clock P.M.  
 and that the petitioners cause a copy of said petition  
 and of this order thereon to be served upon the City  
 of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said  
 thirty-first day of August: that it might appear and  
 be heard upon said petition. And this petition was con-  
 tinued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden  
 for said County on the second Tuesday of April and  
 by adjournment on the first day of May in the year  
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy  
 seven at which meeting it was ordered that a war-  
 rant for a jury be issued and a warrant was duly  
 issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his De-  
 puty to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and  
 determine the matter of complaint set forth in said  
 petition. And this petition was continued from meet-  
 ing to meeting to the meeting holden for said County  
 on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight  
 when the following verdict and order was received  
 from the Superior Court Commonwealth of Massa-  
 chusetts. Hampden, ss. Superior Court. October Term, 1878.  
 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
 In the case of John Fitch and Mary Fitch petition-  
 ers for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by  
 the said County Commissioners and was issued dated  
 May 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1877 and has been returned into the  
 Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury  
 be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors  
 impanelled by A.M. Bradley Sheriff of the County  
 of Hampden on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877 for  
 the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case  
 issued on the petition of James Dorran, Patrick Griffin.



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Bartholomew Kage, Ellen Keating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> O'Neary, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Tikh and Mary Tikh, Patrick Henry, Patrick O'Brien, and Michael Conny, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Howell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows: to wit: to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Kage the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> O'Neary the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Tikh and Mary Tikh jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conny the sum of one dollar damage the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

I. B. Howell Foreman

Geo. W. Thulock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Belcher

George W. Lawrence

George W. Allen

Attest:

Robert W. Morris Clerk

Benjamin S. Tower

William Taylor

E. H. Fisher

A. E. Allen

Arthur S. Paylord

James E. Champion

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict, and adjudication be recorded, and that the said John Tikh and Mary Tikh recover judgment against



the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages and costs of suit taxed at forty cents the law and one cent.

Warrant of District of No. 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

Patrick Henry (Petitioner)  
for a Jury

The City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden Patrick Henry of the City of Springfield in said County respectfully complains & sheweth that he is the owner of a certain lot of land situated on the northerly side of Sharon Street in said Springfield, & described as follows. Bounded northerly by said Sharon Street, easterly by land of Austin Moran, northerly by land of Miss Jennings, & westerly by land of Bridget Sullivan. That on the twenty-fifth day of May A.D. 1874 the City Council of said City of Springfield ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established & constructed on both sides of said Sharon Street from Main Street to Chestnut Street. That in complying with & in carrying out said order, & in repairing said street in connection therewith, the said City has elevated & raised the said street opposite & adjoining your petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your petitioner further complains & says that he reasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Springfield to estimate & award him just compensation for his said damage, but they refused to award him any sum therefor & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this complaint & that a warrant may duly issue for that purpose.

Patrick Henry

By Monro & Copeland his attys.

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the third day of October next.



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at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served up on the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said third day of October: that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, when the following verdict and order was received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden, a Superior Court, October Term, 1878 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden In the case of Patrick Kenney, petitioner for a jury upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued, dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into the Court, it is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors impanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the twentieth day of July A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Heating, George Kingston, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Linnery, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Vekb and Mary Vekb, Patrick Kenney, Patrick O'Brien, and Michael Loney, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Howell, foreman by ballot, after carefully reading the premises, and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess



the amount of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage to George Kingston the sum of one dollar damage to George Kingston and James Kingston jointly the sum of one dollar damage to John Maloney the sum of one dollar damage to Maurice Maloney the sum of one dollar damage to Thomas McInerney the sum of one dollar damage to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage to John Veleh and Mary Veleh jointly the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Hurney the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners

C. B. Lovell Foreman

Charger J. Flannery

Geo. V. Whelock

William Taylor

Franklin Wade

R. H. Parker

Benjamin Belcher

A. S. Allen

George V. Converse

Arthur J. Fayard

George V. Allen

James S. Chapman

Attest: Robert O. Morris Clerk

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded and that the said Patrick Hurney recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages and costs of suit taxed at forty three dollars and one cent

Warrant of Distress if? No. 14<sup>th</sup> 1877

Patrick O'Brien Petr.  
for a Jury

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Patrick O'Brien of the City of Springfield in said  
County of Hampden complains & represents that he is the  
owner of a certain lot of land situated on the northerly  
side of Sharon Street in said Springfield & described as

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follows bounded easterly by said street, easterly by land now  
 or formerly of John Shea, northerly by land supposed to belong  
 to Thomas Shea & westerly by land of John P. Dunn. That  
 on the twenty fifth day of May A.D. 1874, the City Council  
 of said City of Springfield, ordered a sidewalk to be  
 laid out, established, & constructed on both sides of said  
 Sharon Street from Main Street to Chestnut Street that  
 in complying with & in carrying out said order & in  
 repairing said street in connection therewith, the City  
 has elevated & raised said street opposite & adjoining your  
 petitioner's said land to his great damage. And your  
 petitioner further complains & says that he reasonable  
 petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City of Spring-  
 field to estimate & award him just compensation  
 for his said damages, but they refused to award  
 him any sum, & they have not awarded him any  
 sum therefor, & being aggrieved thereby he now prays that  
 he may have a jury to determine the matter of this  
 complaint & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.  
 Patrick P. Dunn

By Morris & Hopland his atty

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
 County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within  
 and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Com-  
 missioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon  
 said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Wed-  
 nesday the third day of October next, at ten o'clock A.M.  
 and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition  
 and of this order thereon to be served upon the City  
 of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said  
 third day of October, that it might appear and be  
 heard upon said petition. And this petition was contin-  
 ued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden  
 for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in  
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first  
 day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which  
 meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be  
 issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the



Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury  
 of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of con-  
 plaint set forth in said petition. And the petition  
 was continued from meeting <sup>to another</sup> to the meeting holden for  
 said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the  
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
 seventy eight, when the following verdict and order was  
 received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Mass-  
 achusetts. Hampshire Co. Superior Court, October Term, 1878.  
 To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire.  
 In the case of Patrick O'Donnell petitioner for a jury upon  
 which a warrant was returned by the said County Com-  
 missioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and  
 has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that  
 the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as fol-  
 lows. The jury empanelled by A.M. Bradley Sheriff  
 of the County of Hampshire, on the twentieth day of July  
 A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in  
 the case, named in the petitions of James Donnan, Pat-  
 rick Griffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George King-  
 ton, George Kingston and James Kingston, John Malone,  
 Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Anny, Bridget Sullivan,  
 Dennis Shea, John Vekb and Mary Vekb, Patrick Hurry,  
 Patrick O'Donnell and Michael Conny, against the in-  
 habitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly  
 sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Small foreman by  
 ballot, after carefully viewing the premises and fully hear-  
 ing the parties, estimate and assess the amounts of  
 damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of  
 the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to-  
 wit: to James Donnan the sum of one dollar damage, to  
 Patrick Griffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Barthol-  
 omew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating  
 the sum of one dollar damage, to George Kingston the sum  
 of one dollar damage, to George Kingston and James King-  
 ston <sup>jointly</sup> the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the  
 sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum  
 of one dollar damage, to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Anny the sum  
 of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of  
 one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar  
 damage, to John Vekb and Mary Vekb jointly, the sum



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of one dollar damage to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage to Patrick Widener the sum of one dollar damage to Michael Henry the sum of one dollar damage. the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

J. B. Lovell Foreman

Esseuger J. Flavin

Geo. W. H. Lock

William Taylor

Franklin Wade

R. H. Lippert

Benjamin Belcher

A. B. Allen

George W. Cannon

Arthur F. Payson

George W. Allen

James E. Thompson

Attest

Robert V. Morris Clerk

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said Patrick Widener recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damage, and costs of suit, taxed at forty eight dollars and twenty one cents.

Warrant of Distress if? Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, Michael Henry of the City of Springfield, in said County respectfully represents that he is the owner of a lot of land situated on the north side of Sharon Street in said City & described as follows bounded easterly by said Sharon Street, easterly by land of John & Mary Webb, northerly by land of one Coleman & westerly by land of J. D. Dwyer. That on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1878, the Board of Aldermen & Common Council of said City ordered a sidewalk to be laid out, established & constructed on both sides of said Sharon Street from Main Street to Chestnut Street. And your petitioner complains that in carrying out said order the said City greatly raised the street in front of your petitioner's said premises to the great damage of said lot & the buildings thereon, that he seasonably petitioned the Mayor & Aldermen of said City to estimate & award him a just sum of money for his said damages, but they refused to award him any sum therefor being aggrieved thereby he pray that

Michael Henry Pet.

The City of Springfield



he may have a jury to determine the matter of his said damages & that a warrant may duly issue therefor.

Michael Longy

By Morris & Copeland his atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered that the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield, on Tuesday the third day of October next, at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the said City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said third day of October: that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, when the following verdict and order was received from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampshire Superior Court, October Term, 1878. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire. In the case of Michael Longy, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The jurors impanelled by A. M. Bradley Sheriff of the County



of Springfield, on the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petitions of James Donovan, Patrick Sniffin, Bartholomew Hayes, Ellen Keating, George Ringston, George Ringston and James Ringston, John Malone, Maurice Malone, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Sweeney, Bridget Sullivan, Dennis Shea, John Vekb and Mary Vekb, Patrick Henry Patrick O'Brien, and Michael Conroy, against the inhabitants of the City of Springfield, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Isaac B. Lowell foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the premises and fully hearing the parties, estimate and assess the amount of damages sustained by the said petitioners by reason of the raising and filling up of Sharon Street as follows to wit, to James Donovan the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Sniffin the sum of one dollar damage, to Bartholomew Hayes the sum of one dollar damage, to Ellen Keating the sum of one dollar damage, to George Ringston the sum of one dollar damage, to George Ringston and James Ringston jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to John Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Maurice Malone the sum of one dollar damage, to Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Sweeney the sum of one dollar damage, to Bridget Sullivan the sum of one dollar damage, to Dennis Shea the sum of one dollar damage, to John Vekb and Mary Vekb jointly, the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick Henry the sum of one dollar damage, to Patrick O'Brien the sum of one dollar damage, to Michael Conroy the sum of one dollar damage, the above awards is a just and reasonable compensation for all damages sustained by said petitioners.

A. B. Lowell } Foreman

Geo. W. Woodcock

Franklin Wade

Benjamin Delcher

George F. Conner

George F. Allen

Attest: Robert O. Morris Clerk

Cheney L. Flower

William Taylor

R. H. Litcher

A. S. Allen

Arthur F. Baylord

James S. Champion

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by



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said Commissioners that said verdict and adjudication be recorded, and that the said Richard Bromley recover judgment against the said City of Springfield for the sum of one dollar damages, and costs of suit taxed at thirty seven dollars and eighty one cents.

Warrant of Distress of <sup>2</sup> No. 14<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Enos T. Bristol To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
for relocation of high <sup>land</sup> ~~land~~ <sup>highway</sup> ~~highway~~  
way in Blandford To the undersigned citizens of the town of Blandford  
in said County, represent that portions of the High-  
way located and laid in Blandford on petition of  
L. A. Robinson and others require relocating in place.  
We therefore pray your Hon. Board that you will view  
the premises at your earliest convenience and act there-  
on.

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Blandford Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Enos T. Bristol and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, when the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Monday the tenth day of November then next and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the line on the road between the towns of Granville and Blandford, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Blandford being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was held.



said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as decided in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said road. And on the said tenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted and now on this eleventh day of November A. D. 1879, do proceed to relocate said highway as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point opposite a stone monument standing on the Eastern side of the old West Shanville road, and on an offset of thirty feet therefrom. Then running North  $72^{\circ} 30'$  West three hundred and forty two feet, the highway for the same and distance is sixty feet wide at the commencement and narrows to fifty five feet wide at the end. Then North  $13^{\circ} 10'$  West one hundred and seventy seven feet. Then North  $16^{\circ} 30'$  West four hundred and eighty nine feet the highway for the last two courses is fifty five feet wide. Then South  $19^{\circ} 45'$  West three hundred and nine feet to a hole drilled in the point of a rock. Then South  $58^{\circ} 20'$  West two hundred and thirty nine feet. Then South  $73^{\circ}$  West two hundred and forty feet to a point opposite a hole drilled in the point of a rock. Then South  $15^{\circ} 30'$  West three hundred and seventy one feet. Then South  $55^{\circ} 45'$  West one hundred feet over J. & Champlin land and two hundred and seventeen feet over Curtis Barns land, thus far less two hundred and seventeen feet, the location is over J. & Champlin land and all the remaining portion of the location is over land of Curtis Barns. Then South  $51^{\circ}$  West one hundred and sixteen feet. Then South  $33^{\circ} 30'$  West three hundred and sixty seven feet. Then South  $33^{\circ} 30'$  West two hundred and



forty nine feet to a point opposite a hole drilled in  
 the front of a rock, the highway for this course and  
 distance as fifty feet wide at the commencement  
 and narrow to seventy feet wide at the end, the hole  
 in the rock being fifty feet South of the line as  
 run. Then South  $70^{\circ} 30'$  East sixty seven feet the location  
 for this course and distance as seventy feet wide at  
 the commencement and sixty feet wide at the end  
 the bound being at the distance of forty feet from the  
 line as run at the end. Then North  $12^{\circ} 45'$  East two  
 hundred and eighty two feet the location for this course  
 and distance as sixty feet wide at the commencement  
 and fifty feet wide at the end. Then South  $11^{\circ}$  East  
 three hundred and seventy seven feet. Then South  $74^{\circ} 30'$   
 East one hundred and twenty four feet. Then South  
 $60^{\circ}$  East ninety nine feet. Then South  $43^{\circ} 40'$  East ninety  
 one feet to a point opposite a stone monument stand-  
 ing on the line between Blandford and Transville.  
 The lines are run at the distance of thirty feet from  
 the monument and the monuments are set on the  
 Southern side of the location at right angle with the  
 back sights of the courses, at the distance of thirty feet  
 from the line as run except for those courses which  
 are as herein before described. And no part of the  
 location is less than fifty feet wide. The variation  
 of the needle is  $10^{\circ}$  East. And it is further ordered  
 by the County Commissioners, that the said town of  
 Blandford cause the foregoing relocation of highway  
 to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance  
 of the County Commissioners, on or before the fifteenth  
 day of November, A. D. 1879. And it is further ordered  
 by the County Commissioners that whenever the  
 said town of Blandford shall have completed said  
 highway to the acceptance of said Commissioners  
 there shall be paid to the said town from the Coun-  
 ty Treasury the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

Newton S. Hubbard

Edwin Chase

Sam. B. Foster Special

County Commissioners

All of which by the report of said Commissioners  
 filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition.



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fully appears And now the said report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Franklin and Blandford located and ordered upon the petition of Franklin A. Robinson and others, and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway  
on petition of Franklin  
& Robinson et al

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Blandford located and ordered upon the petition of Ezra H. Bice & Bice & Bice and others, and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway  
on petition of Ezra  
& Bice & Bice et al

Rules for the Government of the House of Correction in Hampden County.

Rules for the Government of the House of Correction

Rule 1.

Article 1. Prisoners shall make no unnecessary noise, nor speak or communicate with each other in any manner, nor speak to any person, (except their counsel before trial, or the officer connected with the prison,) nor be it be with the leave of the keeper or persons in charge of their work at the time, and in his presence and hearing. Neither shall they send or receive any letter except the same has been read by the keeper, nor shall they send or receive any article unless the same has been examined by the keeper.

Rule 2.

Article 1. Prisoners will rise in the morning when the first bell rings. They will sweep and dust their cells, make their beds in a neat and tidy manner, and not use them until night except by permission of the



keeper Article 2. After putting their cells in order they will station themselves at their doors in readiness to go and empty their buckets as soon as the doors are unlocked. When the buckets are discharged the prisoners will wash themselves, form in line, proceed in order to the ration table, receive their rations, carry them to their cells, close the door and not open it without leave of the keeper except to go to the privy and then only when necessary.

Article 3. When the second bell rings, the cell doors will be opened, and the prisoners will form in line facing the officers and will then proceed at the word of command, and in order with arms folded, to the workshops.

### Rule 3

Article 1. While in the shops the prisoners will perform such labor and in such place as the overseer or other officer in charge of the shop at the time shall direct. They shall also be diligent and faithful at their work. Talking about the shop or communicating with each other, is strictly forbidden.

Article 2. Prisoners are forbidden to take any tools or other articles from the workshops to their cells, or appropriate them to their own use.

Article 3. On the ringing of the bell for dinner the prisoners will stop work by sections or divisions as directed by the overseer in charge, and proceed in line to wash themselves and return to their work. They will then form in line in the order directed, and proceed with arms folded to the ration table, take their rations, and repair to their cells in the same order as above directed, close and hold their cell doors till they are called.

Article 4. After dinner when the bell rings and the cell doors are opened, the prisoners will proceed in the same order to the workshops as in the morning.

### Rule 4

Article 1.

When the bell rings for supper the prisoners will proceed as at noon, wash themselves, return to their work, form in line, and proceed with arms folded to the ration table, receive their supper, and go to their cells for the night.

### Rule 5

Article 1. When prisoners are too unwell to labor, they will inform the overseer who will report to the keeper, and upon permission of said keeper they will be allowed to remain in their cells until otherwise ordered by the



keeper or physician.

Article 2. Every prisoner shall bathe at least once in each week unless otherwise directed by the keeper or physician, and it shall be done at such time and in such manner as the keeper shall order.

Article 3. All able-bodied convicts shall be kept constantly at work during the ordinary hours of work on work days, except on Thanksgiving days, National or State Fasts, and National or State Holidays.

Article 4. Prisoners are forbidden to mark or deface the walls, furniture or books, or to spit in any place except the spittoons. They are also forbidden to lie on the bed with their boots or shoes on.

#### Rule 6

Article 1. All prisoners must attend religious services on the Sabbath unless excused by the keeper. All books taken from the Library must be returned on the Sabbath following such taking.

#### Rule 7

Article 1. Prisoners will be punished for any damage done purposely to the prison, prison cells, furniture, bedding, library books, articles or property on which they work, by solitary confinement.

Article 2. The washing, mending and mending for the prisoners shall be done by the prisoners under the care of the matron, also all sewing.

#### Rule 8

Article 1. Poor clothing will not be furnished to prisoners at the time of their discharge.

Article 2. All prisoners will be required to wear the prison uniform furnished by the keeper during their term of imprisonment.

Article 3. No prisoner will be allowed to use tobacco in the workshops or in any other apartment of the prison, unless strict attention is paid to cleanliness.

Article 4. The whole conduct of prisoners at all times must be orderly and quiet, and in strict obedience to all the rules for the government of the prison.

#### Rule 9

Article 1. A copy of the foregoing rules will be posted in each cell, and prisoners will be required to study



them carefully, and preserve them.

Article 3. For the violation of any of the above rules (unless specially excused) the punishment will be confinement in the dungeon as required by law.

Springfield, December 3, 1879

Newton S. Hubbard

Edwin Chase

Ira H. Potter Special

County Commissioners

### Land Damages

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages to lands taken for highways amounting to the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Eleven Dollars, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

W. B. Lee	\$ 22.00
H. L. Hastings	10.00
Amos Johnson	35.00
Mary E. Tucker	7.00
Henry Peter	25.00
James H. Ford	50.00
Thomas Reiter	475.00
John Riley	130.00
Robert Sikes	5.00
William Riley	12.00
James Pierce	10.00
Henry L. Sany	150.00
Sumner Clark	10.00
Patrick Riley	75.00
Samuel C. Baldwin	100.00
William Kirkland	10.00
Henry Voss	10.00
Samuel D. Tanner	50.00
John J. Cook	40.00
E. J. Smith and G. L. Snow	75.00
H. S. Sampson	100.00
A. B. Dennis	35.00
	<u>\$ 1511.00</u>



Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of six thousand three hundred sixty four dollars and nineteen cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

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Account

\$6,364.19

Sundry accounts for the building of a Infant School authorized by the provisions of Chapter two hundred and sixty two of the Statute of the year 1873, and amounting to the sum of thirty seven hundred dollars, are allowed and ordered paid from the County Treasury.

\$3,700.00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

County Commissioners Meeting Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1879.

In the matter of the petition of The Selectmen of Agawam for alteration of highway in Agawam called The River Road.

It now appearing to the said County Commissioners that in the record of the location of the alteration of said highway, an error has been made in describing the Eastern line as being The River Bank instead of the water edge.

It is therefore ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said record be amended by striking out the words "River Bank" and inserting in the place thereof the words "Water edge".

Newton S. Hubbard } County

Edwin Chase } Commissioners

Orin S. Potter } Special Commissioner

Selectmen of Agawam  
Pet. for alteration of  
highway in Agawam  
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Judgment is entered up according to reports so, and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Robert O. Morris

Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss.

It a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine and by adjournment on the sixth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Present Martin J. Hubbard Chairman  
Edwin Chase  
Samuel A. Bartholomew Special } County  
Ira H. Potter } Commissioners.

and by adjournment on the seventh on the fourteenth days of said January on the third seventeenth and nineteenth days of February on the second and sixteenth days of March and on the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Present Edwin Chase Chairman } County  
Leonard Clark } Commissioners.  
Lewis J. Root }

Leonard Clark Esquire of Springfield having been declared by the Board of Commissioners elected County Commissioners for the term of three years and Lewis J. Root Esq. of Pittsfield having been declared elected for two years to fill a vacancy and having been severally duly sworn they appear on said seventh day of January and the Board consisting of Edwin Chase Leonard Clark and Lewis J. Root Esquires proceed to the choice of a chairman The whole number of votes cast is three of which Edwin Chase Esq. has two and is chosen chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.



To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Respectfully represents the undersigned legal heirs of  
the town of Westfield that the Highway at a point near the  
house of James C. Saffordwell then running Northwesterly to  
Southampton line is narrow crooked & without monuments  
& needs relocating & your petitioners respectfully request your  
board to view the Highway within mentioned & relocate  
the same. Said Highway is situate in Middle farm  
school district so called.

Westfield March 31. 1873.

Andrew Carter and others  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield within  
and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy two. at which meeting the Commissioners  
appointed a place and time for a view of the prem-  
ises and directed notice of the same to be given and  
said petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting and now it is ordered that said pe-  
tition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden  
Respectfully represents the Holyoke & Westfield Rail  
Road Company a corporation doing business in said  
County of Hampden that they are aggrieved by the doing  
of the County Commissioners in the awarding of dama-  
ges to the Holyoke Water Power Company for land taken  
by your petitioners belonging to said Water Power Compa-  
ny for Railroad & Depot purposes the same being situate  
in the town of Holyoke in said County & described in the  
several petitions of said Water Power Co. dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
Dec 1871 & the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1871 & on files & records of yr  
Court to which reference may be made. Therefore they  
pray that a jury may be summoned & called to view  
said doing of said County Commissioners & to assess  
& award the damages in said case or take other action in  
the premises according to law.

The Holyoke & Westfield Rail Road Co.  
By Edw. D. Pettit their attorney

December Westfield

Andrew Carter et al  
Pet for a highway in  
Westfield.

The Holyoke & Westfield  
R. R. Co Pet for a  
Jury



The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Lucas B. Chapin del  
Pet for a new high-  
way in Chicopee

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Your petitioners, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that the public convenience and necessity require the location and construction of a highway in the Town of Chicopee in said County, to be located substantially as follows, viz. Beginning at a point near the Connecticut River on the westerly side of the road running from the South Hylke Ferry to the County Road leading from Chicopee Street to Williamstown in said Chicopee, and running thence southerly across lands of Lucas B. Chapin, Allen Johnson, heirs of Wm. Skule, A. D. Bishop and others, to a point on the aforesaid County Road near the dwelling of widow Lydia Gandy. And your petitioners pray your Hon. Board to view said premises, and to make such order as justice and the public convenience may require.

Lucas B. Chapin and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, at which meeting the Commissioners during a view of the premises expediently appointed Tuesday, the third day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling house of Lucas B. Chapin in Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such location & construction of highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing



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a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said run, and before said run was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said run. And on the said third day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to run the premises, and having run the same the Commissioners then adjourned the further consideration of the matter to the next regular adjourned meeting of the Commissioners and from meeting to meeting to Thursday the twentieth day of November then next, when after fully hearing the parties and considering the prayer of said petition said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted. And the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, Simon Mallory et al.

The undersigned your petitioners respectfully represent that a portion of the County road leading from Russell Depot to Westfield is unreasonably inconvenient and hilly and that public convenience requires a new road. They therefore pray your Honorable Board to view the premises and locate a new road in said Russell commencing at a point in said County road about two hundred and fifty feet Easterly of Joseph & Laflin Paper Co. Mill, and at the foot of the school house hill then running easterly and intersecting the county road between the houses of Eli Emery and Westfield Town line.

Russell May 17. 1873

Simon Mallory and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and



seventy three, at which meeting the Commissioners during a  
 view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the twenty second  
 day of July then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at  
 French Hotel in Russell as the time and place for viewing  
 the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served up  
 on the clerk of the town of Russell being the town within which  
 such new location is prayed for thirty days at least before  
 the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts  
 of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted  
 in two public places in said town, and also gave notice  
 to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition  
 to be published three weeks successively in the Western  
 Hampshire Times a newspaper published in said County,  
 said posting and the last publication of said copy hav-  
 ing been fourteen days at least before the time appointed  
 for said view, and before said view was had, said Com-  
 missioners gave notice in like manner as described in the  
 foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of  
 the time and place for commencing said view. And on the  
 said twenty second day of July the Commissioners met at the  
 time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the prem-  
 ises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then  
 determined to hear the parties at the same time of said  
 view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners  
 then proceeded to adjourn the further consideration of the  
 matter to the next regular adjourned meeting of said  
 Commissioners at the Court House, and from meeting  
 to meeting a Friday the twenty first day of November then  
 next at which time and place said Commissioners  
 further considered the prayer of said petition and after  
 consideration said Commissioners did adjudge that com-  
 mon convenience & necessity require that the prayer of the  
 petition should be granted. And this petition was continu-  
 ed to the meeting holden for said County on the fourth  
 Tuesday of December, in the year eighteen hundred and  
 seventy three, when the Commissioners appointed a place  
 and time for locating said highway, and directed no-  
 tice of the same to be given, and this petition was con-  
 tinued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now  
 it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



To the Honorable Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
The undersigned citizens and tax payers of the town of  
Southwick & Shawmut respectfully represent that the public ne-  
cessity and convenience require the improvement of the highway  
leading from the Baptist meeting house in said town of  
Southwick to the East mountain so called by the well-  
known name of Francis & Hastings and others. Therefore  
we respectfully ask your honorable board to run said road  
at your earliest convenience, and order such improve-  
ment by straightening grading hardening and otherwise  
improving as your board may deem the public neces-  
sity require for which your petitioners ever pray.

F. B. Hastings and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within  
and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October in  
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sev-  
enty three, and was continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition  
be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The Hadley Company, a corporation duly established  
by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and  
having a usual place of business at Holyoke in said  
County respectfully represents to your Honorable Board  
That the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company has  
laid out and located its railroad over and upon certain  
lands of said Hadley Company in said Holyoke, and  
has taken said lands and filed a plan of the location  
thereof with said Commissioners, and that said land so  
taken is fully shown and described in the plan hereto  
annexed and making a part of this petition the land  
so taken being shown as bounded by blue lines and that  
said Railroad Co. has not paid to said Hadley Co. any  
part of the value of said lands so taken as aforesaid.

Therefore the said Hadley Company respectfully request your  
Honorable Board to estimate the damages sustained by said  
Hadley Co. by the taking of said lands by said Railroad  
Co. as aforesaid, and to award the same, and to make

The Hadley Co. Petr.  
for at of same

The Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Co.  
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order and further orders in the premises as to law and justice may appertain

Holyoke Mass. } The Laidy Company  
 Jan'y 1. 1874 } by J. P. Buckland at atty.  
 J. P. Buckland at atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

The Springfield Athol & Northampton Rail Road Co.  
 Attest  
 Discontinuance of road high-  
 way in Springfield

To the Honorable County Commissioners in and for the County of Hampshire Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
 Respectfully represent the Springfield, Athol and Northampton R.R. Company, a corporation legally established by the laws of this Commonwealth, that in the construction of their Railroad in the City of Springfield they find it necessary to use, near Indian Orchard village a portion of the highway leading from that village to Cheshire Falls. They therefore request your honorable Board to cause that portion of said highway lying between the road leading across the Iron Bridge to Rindlow, and Worcester street west- only from the Bridge, to be discontinued, and that said Worcester street from Myrtle street westerly to said Highway leading from Indian Orchard village to Cheshire Falls may be laid out as a public highway.

Springfield Athol & Northampton Rail Road Co.  
 by Willis Phelps President

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.







commence and want require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed beginning at the highway leading from the Vest bridge, as called, to Middlefield Center. Thence northwesterly up the West branch of Westfield river following in the direction of the Old Pontiac Turnpike road led to Middlefield town line on the west side of said river. Your petitioner would therefore ask that your Honor would view the premises and locate and construct said road and highway according to the laws in such cases made and provided as no duty bound will ever pray  
 Chester March 19<sup>th</sup> 1878

John E. Vest and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Mayor & Aldermen of  
 Springfield, etc. for  
 signers at Springfield  
 A. A. Crooks

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hamilton.  
 The undersigned Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Springfield respectfully represent that upon a petition of a large number of citizens representing that the Amory Street crossings of the Boston and Albany and Springfield, Athol and Northampton Railroad in said City were dangerous and asking that said railroad companies be requested to erect and maintain gates and to station agents at said crossings, we the Mayor and Aldermen aforesaid on or about the twenty-first day of May last did in writing request said railroad companies to erect and maintain gates at said crossings and to station agents to superintend the same. And that said companies have neglected to comply with said request. Therefore we hereby respectfully petition your honorable board to order the erection and maintenance of gates at said crossings, and that agents be stationed thereat to superintend



the same.

Springfield September 23. 1878.

E. Light Mayor

John Christy	John A. Hall	Aldermen of Springfield
Geo. Wright	D. S. Luman	
J. F. Tappan	H. L. Luman	

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.

James M. White et al

The undersigned respectfully represent that the portion of the highway in Sudlow in said County which lies between the house occupied by James M. White and "Sudlow City" as called is badly circuitous and inconvenient for the public travel, and that the public interests require changes therein. Your petitioners request you to view and examine said portion of said highway to make the necessary alteration therein, and to make such further orders as shall seem meet.

Petition for alteration of highway in Sudlow  
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Aug. 31. 1878.

J. M. White and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



Wm. Whiting Mayor  
 Pet. for leave to cross under the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Holyoke in  
 River R. R. to at grade said County respectfully represent that public convenience  
 in Holyoke

To the County Commissioner of the County of Hampden  
 The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Holyoke in  
 said County respectfully represent that public convenience  
 and necessity require that a new city way be laid out  
 and constructed in said City leading from Main  
 Street in said City, opposite the easterly terminus of Apple-  
 ton Street in said City, easterly, in such direction and  
 of such width as to be a continuation of said Appleton  
 Street to the Mill of J. Merrick & Co. crossing the tracks of  
 the Connecticut River Rail Road at a level therewith.  
 Therefore the said Mayor and Aldermen hereby petition  
 your honorable body that you authorize said City of  
 Holyoke to lay out such a city way as is above men-  
 tioned across said Connecticut River Rail Road, at a level  
 therewith, and that at as early a date as is to you con-  
 venient you give such notices, have such hearings  
 and take all such steps as will enable you legally to  
 authorize said city.

Holyoke Mass. Dec. 10 1879

Wm. Whiting Mayor.

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of the  
 County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and  
 for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in  
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
 seventy eight, at which meeting the Commissioners appoint-  
 ed a place and time for a view of the premises and  
 directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition  
 was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting,  
 and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Sumner Beach Pet.  
 for a Jury  
 The Town of Palmer

To the County Commissioner of our County of Hamp-  
 den. Respectfully represent Sumner Beach of Palmer in  
 said County that he has suffered damage by the lay-  
 ing out of a certain highway or turnway in said Palmer  
 and being the highway or turnway ordered by your  
 honor the seventh day of May A. D. 1879 upon the petition  
 of J. M. Eager, that damages have been awarded your  
 petitioner in the sum of Two hundred and seventy five  
 dollars but that your petitioner is aggrieved thereby and  
 by said award and hereby makes his application for



a jury to determine the same

July 13 1879

Sumner Beach

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, when it was ordered that the petitioner give notice to the said Town of Palmer to appear before the said County Commissioners at the Court House, in Springfield aforesaid, on Tuesday, the fifth day of August next, at ten o'clock A.M. by serving it with an attested copy of said petition and of this order, fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of August, that it might then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. On said fifth day of August it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the following verdict and order is received from the Superior Court Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden, a Superior Court, October Term, 1879. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of Sumner Beach of Palmer, in said County, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated August 5<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1879, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. In the above matter, petition for damages by reason of laying out the highway as recited in said petition the jury find for the petitioner and assess damages in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Thomas J. Morgan Foreman

E. S. Robbins

Benja. Butler

Phineas Knowlton

George Squier

William A. Mayry

Edwin A. James

Daniel Leonard

A. L. White

Arthur B. Brown

See Blanchard

Francis S. Cook



That Robert C. Morris Clerk  
And now it is ordered by said Commissioners that  
said verdict and adjudication be recorded.

License

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H. Royce is licensed as a common Victualer and Inn-  
holder at his hotel situated in the town of Vale.

Mrs Mary L. Dennis  
Compl<sup>t</sup> as to treatment at  
House of Correction

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To the Honorable the Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden

Respectfully represents Mrs Mary L. Dennis of  
Springfield in said County that in the winter of 1878-  
1879 she was confined in the House of Correction, that  
during such confinement on account of a trivial acci-  
dent she was confined in the dungeon and compelled  
to remain there for about forty six hours, that by rea-  
son of such continued confinement in said dungeon  
her health was permanently injured, and by reason  
of the rough and unnecessary treatment at the hands  
of the keeper she was caused great and unnecessary  
suffering. All of which was without just cause. Where-  
fore she prays the honorable body will make such  
recompense to your petitioner as she is fairly entitled to.  
Feb 17 1880

Mrs Mary L. Dennis

The foregoing complaint is entered at the meeting of  
the County Commissioners, and now it is ordered that  
said complaint be dismissed.

Land Damages  
Additional

1879 Dec. 23 In the matter of the petition of Jason H.  
Fick et al an additional sum of Twenty Five Dollars  
is allowed Augustus C. Elder for land damages.

Town of Chester allowed  
\$175 for construction of  
highway on petition of  
Jason H. Fick et al

1879 Dec. 23 In the matter of the petition of Jason H.  
Fick et al One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars is  
allowed the town of Chester for construction of highway  
upon the completion of said highway to the satisfaction of the  
County Commissioners.



1889 Jan 2) In the matter of the petition of Elisha Clark et al. for land damages allowed at Pine Knot and seventy dollar is allowed Elisha Clark for land damage.

Declarator Winding

Land Damages allowed Elisha Clark

1889 Feb 3) The offal at the House of Correction was sold to T. D. Thatcher for one hundred and thirty dollar.

Offal at House of Correction sold to T. D. Thatcher

1889 Feb 19) Due notice for proposals therefor having been issued and published, the contract for furnishing the heating apparatus for the Insane School Building is let to the Phillips Mfg. Co. for \$1000. as will appear by the written contract on file.

Contract for furnishing heating apparatus for Insane School, let to the Phillips Mfg. Co.

1889 Mar 2) Voted That Mr. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollar, and to make, execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable during the month of October next, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he, the said Bridge, shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow in anticipation of the County Tax

1889 Mar 16) Contract for furnishing Jail and House of Correction with meat awarded A. T. Allen for year ending April 1<sup>st</sup> 1891, for Corned Beef 4 1/2 cts per pound, Beans 2 1/2 cts per pound, Salt Pork 7 cts per pound.

Contract for furnishing Jail and House of Correction with meat awarded A. T. Allen

1889 Mar 16) The following named persons are appointed officers of the Insane School. Mr. R. E. Banett, Principal. Mrs. R. E. Banett, Matron. Miss Fannie L. Banett, Teacher, with an aggregate salary of one thousand dollar and board. Mr. Leonard, Kitchens, Assistant. Mrs. Leonard, Kitchens, Assistant, with an aggregate salary of four hundred dollar.

Officers of Insane School



Contract for building a barn at the County Farm let to Charles E. Shaw for \$1375 thirteen hundred seventy five dollars

Contract for building an addition to the County Farm let to S. H. Scott for \$460 four hundred and sixty dollars

Contract for furnishing fuel & ice awarded Geo. A. Flagg for year ending April 1<sup>st</sup> 1899 for 30¢ per pound, also for the County Farm at the same price not delivered or at the Sea King

Clavin B. Brockett appointed messenger to the Court House at the Court House

Register of Deeds choice of The vote for Register of Deeds for the County of Hampshire being examined and counted on the first Wednesday of January 1899 it appears that James E. Russell of Springfield has thirteen thousand and seventy votes, Oscar Edwards of Northampton has one vote, and Eric F. Root of Westfield has one vote. James E. Russell is declared to be elected and now appears a sworn and gives bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office

County Treasurer choice of The vote for County Treasurer having been also examined and counted on the same day it appears that Mr. Will Bridge of Springfield has seven thousand three hundred and eighty seven votes, John E. Rice of Springfield five thousand seven hundred and nineteen votes, Mr. Will Bridge one vote, John O'Donnell one vote, Leonard Clark of Springfield one vote, Will M. Bridge one vote, and Ed Braman one vote. Mr. Will Bridge of Springfield having







Amount brought forward	\$3108.44
To the Treasurer of Wilbraham	112.86
" " " " Westfield	434.75
	<u>434.75</u>
	\$346.05

County Estimate

Estimated Expenses of the County of Hampden for the year 1888 with the Amount necessary to be raised by Tax.

For Payment of Jurors	500.00	
Services of Venires	20.00	
Office of Const & meals of Jurors	14.00	
Salaries of Special & County Commissioners	160.00	
Land Damages	250.00	
Sheriff's Office	100.00	
Pub. Commissioners' Offices	80.00	
Surveys of Highways	100.00	
Construction of Highways & Monument	150.00	
Medical Examiners	70.00	
Tenant School Building	450.00	
Maintenance of Tenant School	400.00	2400.00

At Jail and House of Correction

For Prisoners	600.00	
Clothing	70.00	
Fuel and Light	150.00	
Beds and Bedding	30.00	
Salaries of Officers	300.00	
Board of Officers & Employees	100.00	
Rebates	40.00	
Instruction	50.00	
Furniture & Utensils	30.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	30.00	
Medicine and Attendance	30.00	
Board of Prisoners in other Counties	150.00	1540.00

At Court House

For Salary of Messenger & Engineer	140.00
Records Books and Stationery	130.00
Law Library	85.00
Repair Old & New Court House	16.00



December Meeting 1879

For Fuel & Lights	1300. 00	
Salary of Sheriff	1350. 00	
"    "    Treasurer	1200. 00	
Examiners of Accounts	50. 00	
Legal Expenses	100. 00	
Criminal Costs	4500. 00	
Interest on County Notes	1950. 00	
Sinking Fund	4000. 00	
County Indebtedness for } Notes drawn on the Treasury }	3500. 00	39650. 00

Salaries of the Justices of the Peace		
Courts of Springfield, Holyoke & Chicopee	4300. 00	
Salary of the Justice of the Eastern		
Hamden District Court	800. 00	
Salary of the Clerk of the Peace		
Court of Springfield	1500. 00	
For Service of the Special Justices		
of the Police & District Courts	250. 00	6350. 00
Total Estimate		82800. 00
Deduct estimated receipts		5000. 00
Amount called for by Tax		77800. 00

Edwin Chase }  
Leonard Clark } County  
S. F. Root } Commissioners

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of fifty four dollars and ten cents

Accounts

\$54.10

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed amounting to the sum of ten thousand and five dollars and nineteen cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury, also sundry accounts for the building of a Truant School amounting to nineteen hundred dollars are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County

\$1005.19

190.00



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Tues.

Cambridge, N. April 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

Judgment is entered up according to report, and  
all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued,  
and this meeting so adjourned without day.

Attest

Robert T. Mow

Book







notice of the same to be given, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Emily Morton (Pet-  
for est. of dam)

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hamden

The Town of Westfield

Respectfully represents the undersigned Emily Morton of Westfield in said County that she is the owner of certain Real Estate lying & situate in said Westfield & near Great River Bridge so called viz the Island & said Real Estate is fully described in Deed of L. B. Pickett to petitioner & dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1874 & recorded in Hamden Registry for Deeds Book 319 page 64 & deed of J. L. Dudley to petitioner dated June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1876 & recorded in said Registry Book 334 page 107 & also of Deed of Homer H. G.comb to petitioner dated November 16<sup>th</sup> 1874 & recorded in Registry aforesaid Book 319 page 45 & the descriptions of the tracts of land described in said Deeds are particularly referred to & made a part of this petition And your petition in further represents that by Chapter 249 of the acts of 1879 the town of Westfield in said County among other things were authorized to extend south, not to exceed ninety feet the Saml Horton dam so called, named in said act & spanning the Great River so called in said Westfield near the Boston and Albany rail road depot in said Westfield & your petitioner says that said town has extended and lengthened said dam south to wit eighty feet. And your petitioner further says that by the 1<sup>st</sup> Section of said Act that it is provided that any person injured by any act done by said town under the authority of this act, if he cannot agree with said town as to the amount of his damages may apply to the County Commissioners of said County to estimate his damages occasioned thereby & your petitioner says that she has sustained damages by said town by their doings under said act to her said described property & that she is unable to agree with said town as to her said damage to her said property - And your petitioner further says that by the lengthening of the Dam South as aforesaid by said town her said property was greatly damaged, that by the lengthening of said dam as aforesaid the stream of said River is thrown further



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south viz. 12 feet & nearer to said petitioners property above described, that the damage from said extension South, in time of freshets of said river to petitioners said property will be greatly increased, that it is incident & necessary to lengthening said Bridge said town has removed the southern bank of said river from said dam to near petitioners said land, & has built a dyke from said dam to said described property of applicant, thereby confining & raising the water till it reached petitioners said land, when the water will flow off southerly onto petitioners land & greatly injure the same & submerge & destroy the buildings on the same, in time of freshets. Wherefore your petitioner prays that your Honorable Board will visit said dam & the extension of the same & the place where said Bank is removed & said dyke from said dam to petitioners land & the premises generally between said dam & said petitioners land (after legally notifying all parties) & estimate & award to her her legitimate & proper damages to her said property for the acts aforesaid done by said town. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Wetfield, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1870.

Emily Morton

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, at the house of Emily Morton in Wetfield aforesaid, on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of May next, at 9 1/2 o'clock, A.M., and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon, to be served upon the Town of Wetfield, fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of May, that it may appear and be heard upon said petition. And now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

The application of H. H. Day as an Lumberholder in Chester, is rejected.

H. H. Day application  
as an Lumberholder in  
Chester

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County Tax  
assessed:

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session March 17<sup>th</sup> 1880, granting a tax of seventy seven thousand dollars (\$77,000) for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said County, in manner following.

Agawam	1269.73	Montgomery	143.09
Blandford	411.38	Palmer	1860.16
Brimfield	590.25	Russell	411.39
Chicster	554.47	Southwick	626.02
Chicopee	5777.23	Springfield	39403.21
Granville	427.27	Tolland	232.53
Holland	125.20	Wake	447.16
Holyoke	10313.43	Westfield	7100.11
Longmeadow	1359.35	West Springfield	2969.11
Ludlow	554.47	Wilbraham	913.74
Monroe	1448.78		

And warrants have been issued dated April twenty first, eighteen hundred and eighty, directed to the Selectmen or Treasurers of the several towns and cities in said County, directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and pay the same to Mr. Wm. H. Bridge, Esquire, County Treasurer, or his successor or order, by the fifteenth day of October ensuing, as the law directs.

Land Damages

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages, to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

To Mrs. H. E. Rice	\$100.00
Stamw. R. Holcomb	20.00
	\$120.00

Accounts

\$5779.78

2514.31

Lundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of fifty seven hundred seventy nine dollars and seventy eight cents, also sundry accounts for the building of a tenant school amounting to thirty two hundred and four dollars and thirty one cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.



April Meeting 1877

Resolved: That Wm. Webb Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, and to make, execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable during the month of October next, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he, the said Bridge, shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow in anticipation of the County Tax

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Montgomery and Russell, located and ordered upon the petition of Elisha Clark and others, and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway on petition of Elisha Clark et al

June 1 In the matter of the petition of Elisha Clark et al, Fifty Dollars is allowed Warren R. Leont for land damages.

Land Damages allowed Warren R. Leont

June 1 In the matter of the petition of Elisha Clark et al, Eighty Dollars is allowed Wm H. E. Rose for land damages.

Land Damages allowed Wm H. E. Rose

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of four dollars and five cents.

Accounts

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of fifty seven hundred seventy nine dollars and seventy eight cents, also sundry accounts for the building of a transient school, amounting to thirty two hundred and four dollars and thirty one cents, are allowed and

\$5779.78

3204.31



ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampton, ss June 1-1879.

Judgment is entered up according to reports, and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Robert O'More Clerk



June Meeting 1880

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty second day of said month, and by adjournment on the sixth day of July, on the third day of August and on the seventh and eleventh days of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Present Edwin Chas. Chairman

Leonard Clark

Lewis J. Root

} County

} Commissioners

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss

Jenniah F. Sullivan  
Pet. for a Jury

The City of Holyoke

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of said County -

Respectfully represents Jenniah F. Sullivan, a citizen of Holyoke in said County, that he is and for several years past has been the owner of certain land situate in said Holyoke bounded & described as follows - to wit: Bounded North on A. S. Judd east on James Doyle & Michael J. Finner-Smith on West Dwight street and west on Pleasant street - being about 130 feet on West Dwight street and 230 feet on Pleasant street - that during the months of July, August and September 1875 said Holyoke by its superintendent of streets for the purpose of repairing said West Dwight street - proceeded to and did lower said street where the same is abutted by said land of your petitioner in the immediate neighborhood & adjoining the same, to the depth of several feet - completing said work in September 1875, thereby greatly lowering the grade of said street where abutted by the land of your petitioner aforesaid, whereby your petitioner sustained great damage in his said property, and was and is entitled to compensation therefor from said city of Holyoke - that he duly filed his petition therefor to the Mayor & Aldermen of said Holyoke after the commencement and within one year from the completion of said work - that upon said petition said Mayor & Aldermen refused and neglected to estimate your petitioner's damage and on October 3rd 1876 reported leave to withdraw. It thereupon your petitioner being



agreed at such refusal and neglect hereby makes application for a jury that he may have his damages ascertained: hereby is for such further orders as shall be proper in the premises. Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> February 1877

Jeremiah F. Sullivan.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, when it was ordered, that the Commissioners would met for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday, the tenth day of April next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order <sup>to be served</sup> thereon, upon the City of Holyoke, fourteen days at least before the said tenth day of April, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition.

And this petition was continued to the meeting holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April, and by adjournment on the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy seven. It was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued, and a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition. <sup>the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting, and now</sup>

And the following verdict and order is returned from the Superior Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden, ss. Superior Court, June Term, 1877. To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. In the case of Jeremiah F. Sullivan, petitioner for a jury, upon which a warrant was ordered by the said County Commissioners, and was issued dated May 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1877, and has been returned into this Court. It is now ordered that the verdict of the jury as to Jeremiah F. Sullivan be accepted. Said verdict is as follows. The Jurors empanelled by A.M. Bradley Sheriff of the County of Hampden, on the seventh day of June A.D. 1877, for the purpose mentioned in the warrant in this case, issued on the petition of J. P. Buckland and St. A. Miller, A. L. Childs, Jeremiah F. Sullivan, James Doyle and Michael J. Finn all of Holyoke in said County of Hampden, against the inhabitants of the City of Holyoke, having been first duly sworn, and having chosen Justin L. Northy, foreman by ballot and carefully viewing the premises, and fully hearing the parties



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estimate the amount of no damages to J. P. Buckland and  
H. A. Miller jointly and to H. K. Shilde the amount of one  
hundred dollar damages and to Jeremiah F. Tulliver  
the amount of one hundred dollar damages and to  
James Doyle and Michael J. Finn jointly the amount  
of no damages which is a just and reasonable amount  
of damages for all of said petitioners.

Justice L. Northey Freeman

James H. Bryan

Geo. R. Sackett

H. B. Atte

Lidney Chapin

E. A. Northey

R. H. Deffer

Wm. J. McFarland

Edward S. C. Chapin

James Flint Jr.

C. H. Dwyer

D. J. White

Attest.

Robert O. Morris

clerk

And now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that said  
verdict and adjudication be recorded.

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden.

We the undersigned citizens of Ludlow respectfully  
represent that the road leading from near the house  
of Elisha J. Liles past the house of Henry Fuller Woodard  
Quinn, Widow Horace Parson, George Harris and Cyril South-  
worth all in said Ludlow, to a point at or near the brook  
the last mentioned terminus being near or within the lim-  
its of Chicopee a little south of the house of Edward Robin-  
son in the North East part of the town of Chicopee, is much  
of the way narrow, crooked, and dangerous for the public  
travel. We therefore pray that your honorable board will view  
said road and make such alterations in the same as  
in your judgment the public convenience and safety re-  
quire.

Jackson Lady and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Coun-  
ty Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for  
said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, at  
which meeting the Commissioners during a view of the prem-  
ises expediently appointed Tuesday, the thirteenth day of July the  
next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Station of the

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highway in Ludlow  
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PLAN IN LUDLOW DRAWING  
PLAN #1



Springfield, Attd. and North Eastern Rail Road Co. in Ludlow, near Collins Depot, at the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Ludlow and Chicopee, being the towns within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published therein successively in the New England Homestead, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirteenth day of July, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted. And the further consideration of the matter was continued to the next regular adjourned meeting held at the Court House, in Springfield, on this third day of August, A.D. 1890, and now, as at the time of said view, no person interested objecting thereto, the said Commissioners do proceed to locate said alterations as follows. Beginning at a stake which bears S 81° E 1/2 feet from the N. E. corner of Elihu Liker's land near above mentioned station, running thence N 63° W 14.58 rods to stake No. 1, thence N 71° 3/4 W 7.64 rods to stake No. 2, thence N 83° 1/2 W 48 rods to stake No. 3, thence N 71° 3/4 W 69 rods to stake No. 4, thence N 81° 1/2 W 63 1/2 rods to stake No. 5, thence N 79° 1/2 W 37 rods to stake No. 6, thence N 73° 1/4 W 147.3 rods to stake No. 7, thence N 56° 1/2 W 37 rods to stake No. 8, thence N 64° 3/4 W 11.5 rods to stake No. 9, thence N 78° 1/2 W 55° 3/4 rods to



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stake No 10 thence N 71° W 68.8 rods to stake No 11, thence N 42° W 35 rods to stake No 12, thence N 58° 3/4 W 12.3 rods to stake No 13, thence N 43° 3/4 W 13 rods to stake No 14, thence N 33° 1/2 W 24.76 rods to stake No 15, thence N 26° 3/4 W 11.36 rods to stake No 16, thence N 36° 3/4 W 29.4 rods to stake No 17, thence N 43° 1/2 W 10.84 rods to stake No 18, thence N 39° 3/4 W 19.8 rods to stake No 19, thence N 35° 1/4 W 10.43 rods to stake No 20, thence N 55° 1/4 W 51° 1/2 rods to stake No 21, thence N 71° W 11 rods to stake No 22, thence N 67° 3/4 W 32 rods to stake No 23, thence N 82° W 26 rods to stake No 24, thence S 89° W 29 1/2 rods to stake No 25, thence S 85° W 25 1/2 rods to stake No 26, thence N 84° 1/2 W 27 rods to stake No 27, thence N 66° 3/4 W 31 1/2 rods to stake No 28, thence N 73° 1/2 W 20 rods to stake No 29, thence N 69° 3/4 W 78 rods to stake No 30, thence N 65° 1/2 W 25.4 rods to stake No 31, which bears S 6° 1/2 W 78 feet from the S.E. corner of Mrs. Fairbairn's house in the westerly part of Ludlow. The line described by the foregoing survey is the N. line of the Road which is three rods in width. And now it is ordered that the said town of Ludlow cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Ludlow to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps, and roots. The top soil, where it is unmountable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the material within the traveled part of the road are unmountable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least nine inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of eighteen feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously



covered from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of nine inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of eighteen feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the eighteen feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of eighteen feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty four degrees or two and one-half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the roadside. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable, from its weight, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned, in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees, where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or



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two feet slope to one foot rise. Said roads must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler; the railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. When the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said pole or joints, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slope must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than 3 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without, in any manner obstructing or interfering with said eighteen feet for the traveled part of the road. When the sides of embankment are constructed or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required) said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendicular, the road must be worked to no greater width than



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twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well-laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a covering of the road of nine inches in addition, except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each wood three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly imbedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. The owner of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges above and underneath the road for their accommodations and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling-house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building in the best shape for placing in a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect, otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto, provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling-house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the



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road safe without the aid of railing, (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. And it is further ordered that the grading of the road aforesaid which is within the town of Ludlow be so worked as not in any place to exceed the angle of ascent or descent from a horizontal line hereafter mentioned. The admeasurement is given in feet and the decimal parts of a foot. And said grading is as follows, to wit: Grade not to exceed six feet in 100 feet. One stone culvert at the D. B. Miller swamp, the opening to be not less than 2x3 feet with suitable coverings and walls to be not less than 2 feet thick. The road through the swamp to be not less than two and one half feet above high water mark. At the beginning of the road opposite E. Sikie's road to be raised  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet at the lowest place in the road, and run out on a suitable grade, the material for which should be taken from opposite said E. Sikie's barn, so as to form a suitable gutter to carry the water to the west. Road for the entire length to be monumented at the time of completion. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of

Eighty Dollars to A. D. King,	\$80.00
the sum of One Hundred Twenty Dollars to D. B. Jones,	\$120.00
the sum of Ninety Five Dollars to E. Sikie,	\$95.00



the sum of Twelve Dollars	
to L. Miller.	\$ 12.00
the sum of Twenty Four Dollars	
to L. J. Miller.	\$ 24.00
the sum of Five Dollars	
to Isaac Brewer.	\$ 5.00
the sum of Ten Dollars	
to E. E. Fuller.	\$ 10.00
the sum of Fifty Dollars	
to L. Q. Brown.	\$ 50.00
the sum of Twenty Dollars	
to H. S. Fuller.	\$ 20.00
the sum of Thirty Dollars	
to Henry S. Fuller.	\$ 30.00
the sum of Fifty Dollars	
to W. S. Miller.	\$ 50.00
the sum of Forty Two Dollars	
to Hubbard Sutton.	\$ 42.00
the sum of Forty Two Dollars	
to H. M. Chapin.	\$ 42.00
the sum of Ten Dollars	
to J. M. Birnie.	\$ 10.00
the sum of Three Dollars	
to H. S. Fuller.	\$ 3.00
the sum of Twelve Dollars	
to Chas. B. Bennett.	\$ 12.00
the sum of Five Dollars	
to H. S. Bennett.	\$ 5.00
the sum of Twenty Five Dollars	
to Widow Horace Taylor.	\$ 25.00
and the sum of Three Dollars	
to Ambrose Elough.	\$ 3.00
	\$ 668.00

the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is relocated, are allowed until the first day of September, A.D. 1880, to remove their timber, trees and fences therefrom Edwin Chase



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County Commissioner, being absent. Ira S. Potter, special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the town of Ludlow, in said County, cause the foregoing described highway to be made and completed in accordance with the foregoing order and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November, A.D. 1880.

Edward Black } County  
Ira S. Potter } Commissioners.  
Ira S. Potter } Special

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, John W. Bliss, of Wilbraham, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows. Located in Wilbraham about a mile west of Collins Depot on the north side of said Rail Road about 60 rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

John W. Bliss.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

John W. Bliss Petr.  
to exempt land from  
fencing on Boston and  
Albany Rail Road.  
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James St. Bennett  
 Pet. to exempt land  
 from fencing on Boston  
 & Albany Rail Road

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, James St. Bennett, of Wilbraham, in said County, represents, that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston & Albany Railroad, said land is described as follows, located in Wilbraham, about 1 mile west of Station on the South side of said Rail Road about 150 rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

James St. Bennett.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Admiram Bradley  
 Pet. to exempt land  
 from fencing on Boston  
 & Albany Rail Road

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned Admiram Bradley, a citizen of Springfield, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows, located in the City of Springfield just west of the Red Horse crossing abutting on the North side of said Rail Road about 260 rods, and about sixty rods on the South side of said Rail Road. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Admiram Bradley.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said



Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, Hannu Collins, a citizen of North Wilbraham, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows: located in said North Wilbraham, South of the Depot, about 10 rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1879, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your Honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Hannu Collins.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, D. N. Haskell, Agent of Wilbraham, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows: located in Wilbraham 1/2 mile east of Wilbraham Station about 327 rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1879, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

D. N. Haskell.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and

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fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road

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D. N. Haskell Pet to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road

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was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Edward Healy Pet- to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned, Edward Healy, of Springfield, in said County, represents that he is the owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows. Located in Springfield, about sixty rods East of Depot at Indian Orchard on the South side of railroad about one hundred rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 305 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Edward <sup>this</sup> Healy

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

John Hughes Pet- to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned, John Hughes, of Springfield, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows. Located in the City of Springfield, east & west of the Indian Orchard crossing about 10 rods or north of said Rail Road. That under the provision of Chapter 305 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

John Hughes



James Montgomery 1879

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, W. A. Lane, a citizen of North Wilbraham, in said County, represents that he is the owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows, located in said North Wilbraham about one half mile south of Collins Depot on the North side of the railroad about sixty rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

W. A. Lane.

W. A. Lane Pet. to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road  
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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, Charles Sanckton, of Springfield, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston & Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows, located in the City of Springfield, just west of the Indian Orchard Depot. South of the Rail Road about 75 rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth, for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a

Charles Sanckton Pet.  
to exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road  
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fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Charles Sanckton.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Thomas Leahy Pet. to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, Thomas Leahy, a citizen of Springfield, in said County, represents that he is the owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows, located in the City of Springfield just East of Five Mile Pond on both sides of the railroad, about one hundred and fifty rods on North side, seventy five rods on South side. That under the provision of Chapter 205 of the Statute of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Witness

Thomas Leahy  
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A. C. Morris

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Erwin Lynch Pet. to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston and  
Albany Rail Road.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned Erwin Lynch, of Springfield, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land



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is described as follows: located in the City of Springfield, a little East of the Indian Orchard, crossing about one hundred rods on the north side of said Rail Road. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1879, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Owen Lynch.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, Patrick Moran, a citizen of Wilbraham, in said County, represents that he is the owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows: Located in said Wilbraham, East of the crossing near Collins Depot about 70 rods on the North side. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1879, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Patrick <sup>his</sup> Moran.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

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exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned, Thomas Hoff, of Springfield,  
in said County, represents that he is an owner of land  
adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said  
land is described as follows, located in the City of  
Springfield, just west of the Indian Orchard Depot  
south of the railroad and about 10 rods. That under  
the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Common-  
wealth for the year 1879, said Rail Road Company is  
proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said  
Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honor-  
able board will exempt said land from fencing.

Witness

Thomas Hoff  
mark

L. O'Morris

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the  
County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and  
for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it  
is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the pe-  
tition be granted.

L. M. Squire Pet. to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned, L. M. Squire, of North Wilbraham,  
in said County, represents that he is an owner of land ad-  
jacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land  
is described as follows, located in Wilbraham about 1/2 mile  
west of Collins Depot on the south side of said Rail Road  
about 29 rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the  
Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1879, said Rail  
Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said  
land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays  
that your honorable board will exempt said land from fen-  
cing.

L. M. Squires.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Com-  
ty Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said  
County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued



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is this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, Ann Stevens, of Wilbraham, in said County, represents that she is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows. Located in Wilbraham on the South side of the railroad, west of Stevens crossing about twenty five rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statute of this Commonwealth for the year 1879, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Ann Stevens by John Trask

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire.

The undersigned, John Trask, a citizen of Wilbraham, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows. Located in the City of Springfield, just East of Fitzgerald crossing, abutting about 52 rods on said Rail Road. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statute of this Commonwealth for the year 1879, said Rail Road <sup>Company</sup> is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

John Trask

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the

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fencing on Boston &  
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John Trask Pet. to  
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County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Martha E. Trask Pet. to exempt land from fencing on Boston & Albany Rail Road

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned Martha E. Trask, wife of Daniel H. Trask of Springfield in said County being citizens thereof represents that she is owner and proprietor of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, said land being bounded on the North by said Rail Road, about 10 rods, on the East by land formerly of Luther Sage, about 30 rods on the South by land of Adoniram Bradley and others about 10 rods, and on the west by the "Synchon Tract" so called about 30 rods, that under the Provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1879 said Rail Road Company are proceeding to erect a fence between my said land, and Rail Road. Your petitioner therefore prays that you will exempt her said land from fencing according to the Statute.

Martha E. Trask

By her attorney Herman Smith

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Geo. H. Tupper Pet. to exempt land from fencing on Boston & Albany Rail Road

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, Geo. H. Tupper, of Wilbraham, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows: located a little West of the North Wilbraham.



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ham Station about 50 rods on each side of said Rail Road. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statute of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Geo. H. Puffer.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, The Collins Paper Company, represent that it is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows: Located at Collins Depot, in Waltham, in said County, and about 250 rods on said Rail Road. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statute of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Chas. P. Chapin Trust. v. Treas. per Pet.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, The Ludlow Mfg. Company, represents that it is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and

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& Albany Rail Road

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fencing on B. & A. R.R.

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Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows. located in Springfield & Wilbraham in said County, on the north side of said Rail Road next east of the Dearborn lot about 109 rods, also on the south side of said Rail Road and opposite the Moran lot 111 rods. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statute of this Commonwealth for the year 1879, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your Honorable Board will exempt said land from fencing.

L. H. Bingham Agt

Endlaw Manly Co

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Patrick Leahy Pet. to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, Patrick Leahy, of Wilbraham, in said County, represents that he is an owner of land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that said land is described as follows. located in said Wilbraham on the north side of said Rail Road from 65 to 70 rods long, near the Wilbraham Turnpike. That under the provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statute of this Commonwealth for the year 1879 said Rail Road Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And your petitioner prays that your honorable board will exempt said land from fencing.

Patrick Leahy

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.



To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned respectfully represents that she is  
the owner of certain land adjacent to the Boston and Al-  
bany Railroad, said land being situate in Wilbraham in  
said County and lying upon the northerly side of said Rail-  
road, & being bounded westerly by the highway leading  
from Lenoxville to Long Hill, northerly on land of Indian  
Manufacturing Company, and Easterly on land now or late  
of Michael Jones in part & in part on land of Matthew  
Welch. That under Chap. 205 Stat. 1877, the said Railroad  
Company is proceeding to fence said land along the line of  
said road. Your petitioner prays that said land may be ex-  
empt from fencing, until the further order of this board.

Witness  
E. S. Maynard

May 2<sup>d</sup> 1878  
Mary B. Jones

Jones, Mary B. 1878  
Mary B. Jones Pet. to  
exempt land from  
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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said  
County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was  
continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said  
Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned, Michael Jones, of North Wil-  
braham, in said County, represents that he is the owner of  
land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Rail Road, that  
said land is described as follows. Located in said North  
Wilbraham, on the south side of said Rail Road, about 100  
rods long, and East of the Long Hill crossing. That under the  
provisions of Chapter 205 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth  
for the year 1877, said Rail Road Company is proceeding to  
erect a fence between said land and said Rail Road. And  
your petitioner prays that your honorable board will ex-  
empt said land from fencing.

Michael Jones.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said  
County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our

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fencing on Boston &  
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Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Wm D Chauncy Brewer  
Pet. to exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
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To the honorable county Commissioners, County of Hampden,  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully representing Wm D Chauncy Brewer, the petitioner, as being the guardian of the owner of a parcel of land in the village of Indian Orchard, County of Hampden, immediately adjacent to the road way of the Boston and Albany rail road, and extending for a distance of not less than eighty five rods upon either side. I hereby the aforesaid Wm D Chauncy Brewer, being a female respectfully petitions that she be exempt from fencing said land, representing the land to be of little value owing to the thick growth of underbrush thereupon, also the fact that said land has never been used as a pasture land for cattle, and thirdly the utter incapacity of the land to bear the expense of fencing. Being desirous of holding the land if possible and being aware that the cost of enclosing said land would almost offset the value, the petitioner respectfully leaves the matter with the commissioners.

Wm D Chauncy Brewer Guardian

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Fredrick Flagg Pet. to  
exempt land from  
fencing on Boston &  
Albany Rail Road

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned respectfully represent that he is the owner of certain land adjacent to the Boston and Albany Railroad, that the exact bounds of said land are now unknown to your petitioner, but that said land is situate in the City of Springfield and between the land on the west now owned by John and Henry Trask and on the east by land of Norman and David Trask and connect



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of a tract of low swamp land that under the provisions of Statute 285 of the Statute of this Commonwealth for the year 1877, said Railroad Company is proceeding to erect a fence between said land and said Railroad. Your petitioner prays that your Honorable Board will exempt said land from fencing.

Frederick Flagg.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners County of Hampshire.  
The undersigned respectfully represents that he is the owner of certain land lying in Springfield in sd. County adjacent to the Boston & Albany Railroad, & bounded southerly by sd. Railroad Easterly by land of John Tuck & other lands of your petitioner Northerly by Fox brook & easterly by Fox brook swamp so called. And your petitioner prays that sd. land may be exempt from fencing under provisions of Statutes 1877 until the further order of this Board.

Walter Maynard.

by his atty. E. S. Maynard.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

The application of Amos Munroe as an Innholder in Springfield, is rejected.

Amos Munroe application as an Innholder in Springfield.  
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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire.

Respectfully represents your petitioners, citizens of Springfield and vicinity, that they are well acquainted with S. L. Stoddard, who is now under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Hampshire, for the term of one year for the crime of intermarcation. That your petitioners believe that since his confinement under said sentence, he has wholly reformed, and ask that he may

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be allowed to go at large on probation for the remainder of the term of his sentence, believing that his future conduct will be such as to merit the leniency and that he may be able to support his wife and family of young children, who are now without any means of subsistence.

Wm L L Stoddard and others  
The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered by said Commissioners, that said petition be granted.

Charge at Truant School (Sept 7) The amount of two dollars per week is fixed upon as the amount to be charged for each person committed to the truant school.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow in anticipation of the County Tax  
Voted. That Wm. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, and to make, execute, and deliver note or notes to that amount payable during the month of October next, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual as he, the said Bridge, shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum.

Land Damages additional  
In the matter of the petition of Jackson Gady et al the following additional sums are allowed for land damages:  
To Henry M. Chapman Thirty Five Dollars  
" C. B. Miller Thirty Dollars  
" A. Q. Innes Twenty Five Dollars  
" Leonard Miller Twelve Dollars

Accounts  
The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiner for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth the sum amounting to the sum of thirty six dollars and seventy five cent.



(Sept 11) In the matter of the petition of the Selection of Agawam  
an additional sum of Fifty Dollars is allowed Samuel D.  
Hannum for land damage

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Additional Land  
Damages allowed  
Samuel D. Hannum

The following persons are allowed the sum set against  
their names for damages to lands taken for highways a-  
mounting to the sum of six hundred and sixty eight dol-  
lars, and the same are ordered to be paid from the Coun-  
ty Treasury.

Land Damages

To A. Q. Wang on Petition of Jackson Gady et al	\$ 80.00
• D. B. Jones	120.00
• E. L. Lusk	75.00
• L. Miller	13.00
• J. J. Muller	24.00
• Isaac Braver	5.00
• E. E. Fuller	10.00
• A. Q. Thane	50.00
• H. L. Fuller	20.00
• Henry L. Fuller	30.00
• C. E. Miller	50.00
• Hubbard Sutton	45.00
• H. M. Chapin	65.00
• Wm. B. Binnie	10.00
• H. L. Fuller	3.00
• Chas. B. Bennett	16.00
• A. L. Bennett	5.00
• Victor H. H. Taylor	35.00
• Ambrose Blough	3.00
	<u>668.00</u>

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed amount-  
ing to the sum of ten thousand thirty nine dollars and  
seventy five cents, also sundry accounts for the building  
of a Infant School building amounting to twenty eight  
dollars and eighty six cents, are allowed and ordered  
to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts  
1039.75  
38.86



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Hampden, ss September 11. 1889.

Judgment is entered up according to report &c, and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:

Robert O. Morris      Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners  
begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the  
County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, be-  
ing the fifth day of said month, and by adjournments  
on the third day of November, sixteenth day of November,  
first day of December, and the eighth day of December, in  
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty.

Present Edwin L. Chase Chairman

Leonard Black

Swiss F. Root

County

Commissioners

To the County Commissioners of the Counties of Hampden  
and Hampshire:—

Respectfully represent your undersigned  
petitioners, inhabitants of the Counties above named, that  
public convenience and necessity require that a new  
highway or Road be laid out and constructed be-  
ginning at the Easterly end of Spring Street in the  
village of South Hadley Falls in the Town of South  
Hadley and the County of Hampshire aforesaid and  
thence running in an easterly direction over or around  
a hill or knoll near said easterly end of said Spring  
Street and up the Ravine so called and near the  
brick yard of Royal Britton to the Plain so called and  
thence in an Easterly direction on said Plain and be-  
tween Slife Pond so called and Slattery Pond so called  
in the town of Chicopee and County of Hampden aforesaid  
to some point on the Highway or Road leading from  
Chicopee Falls in said town of Chicopee to Ludlow City  
so called in the Town of Ludlow and County of Hamp-  
den aforesaid between the residence of Praves Crafts in  
said Town of Ludlow and the Four Corners so called  
south of the residence of Byron Caswell in said Ludlow.

Therefore your said undersigned petitioners  
humbly petition each of your honorable Bodies that each  
of your honorable Bodies respectively authorize the con-  
struction and laying out of so much of said Highway

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a Road as is above mentioned as may be under the jurisdiction and authority of each of your honorable Bodies respectively and that at as early a date as is to each of your honorable Bodies convenient, you each give such notice and such hearings and take all such steps as will enable each of your honorable Bodies legally to authorize so much of said Highway or Road as may be under the jurisdiction and authority of each of your honorable Bodies respectively to be so constructed and laid out.

John Bates and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, at which meeting the Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the seventeenth day of June then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Holyoke House, in Holyoke, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Chicopee and Ludlow, being the towns within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said printing and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said seventeenth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of



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said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners continued the further consideration of the matter to the next regular meeting, and so from meeting to meeting until the meeting held on the eleventh day of September A.D. 1877, when said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the fourteenth day of October then next and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Holyoke House, in said Holyoke, as the time and place where and when they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such cases made and provided, before proceeding to run (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fourteenth day of October, met and continued the matter until the sixteenth day of November, when the Commissioners proceeded to locate as follows. Beginning at a stake station 1 at the end of old Town Line on the west side of the road from Ludlow City to Chicopee on land of John Fuller thence North  $74^{\circ} 18'$  West 3860 ft. to station 2 thence North  $74^{\circ} 18'$  West 308 ft. to station 3 thence North  $68^{\circ} 15'$  West 1780 ft. to station 4 thence North  $69^{\circ} 15'$  West 743 ft. to station 5 thence South  $89^{\circ}$  West 446 ft. to station 6 thence North  $77^{\circ} 45'$  West 1128 ft. to station 7 thence North  $68^{\circ} 15'$  West 1476 ft. to station 8 thence North  $83^{\circ}$  West 2110 ft. to station 9 thence North  $88^{\circ} 11'$  West 1483 ft. to station 10 thence North  $85^{\circ} 45'$  West 670 ft. to station 11 thence North  $68^{\circ} 15'$  West 197 ft. to station 12 thence North  $49^{\circ} 15'$  West 88 ft. to station 13 thence North  $38^{\circ}$  West 250 ft. to station 14 thence North  $69^{\circ} 45'$  West 147 ft. to station 15 thence North  $48^{\circ}$  West 161 ft. to station 16 on the Town Line between Chicopee and South Hadley and intersecting a new road laid from Spring Street in South Hadley to the above mentioned Town Line at this point. The Line here described is the Southerly line of the Road which is laid three rods wide Northerly from this line. There are to be culverts built



near the following stations, with openings in the clear as follows: One near station 23 2 ft. by 2 ft. Another near station 39 2 ft. by 2 ft. Another near station 49 3 ft. wide by 4 ft. high. Another near station 61 2 ft. wide by 3 ft. high. Another near station 63 2 ft. wide by 3 ft. high. Another near station 114 2 ft. by 2 ft. Another near station 132 2 ft. by 2 ft. Another near station 173 2 ft. wide by 3 ft. high. All to be built of solid masonry and covered with stone not less than nine inches thick and one foot on each side wall and all to be covered with not less than nine inches of earth and with good and sufficient wing walls at each end to retain the embankment. The embankment across the swamp or low lands to be raised three feet above standing water. The road way worked to 16 ft wide exclusive of ditches and hardened for the same width with not less than 12 inches of suitable material and in sandy places there shall be 12 inches of loam or other material as good and over this there shall be six inches of gravel or coarse sand, if it can be found in the vicinity. And now it is ordered that the said towns of Andover and Chicopee cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said towns of Andover and Chicopee to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workman-like manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps and roots. The top soil, where it is inevitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least 12 inches of good gravel or some other good material the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road, will be required over the whole width of 16 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said



traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam 12 inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of 6 inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 9 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 18 feet exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 18 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional width laid out for material in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 18 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one-half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally, with the base a chord line of the crown of the road, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the roadside. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable, from its weight, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditches will in no instance be allowed, and the embankments shall be raised 3 feet above standing water. On the side of hills where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must



be crowned, in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees, where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler, the railing must consist of straight hardsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and imbedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone post aforesaid. All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or posts, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or



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inside thereof, not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without, in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 18 feet for the traveled part of the road. If now the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required,) said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendicular; the road need be widened to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment; to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well-laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a crowning of the road of inches in addition, except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each exceed three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. If however a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a dick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridges, and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler.



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In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling-house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building in the best shape for placing in a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect, otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto, provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing, (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruit they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. The stakes are set in the side of the highway as described in location. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Seven Dollars to John Fuller, \$7.00 the sum of Forty Eight Dollars and Forty Seven Cents to Eugene Warner, \$48.47 the sum of Nine Dollars and Twenty Three Cents to Wm. A. Smith, \$9.23 the sum of Eighty Dollars to Thomas L. Latham, \$80.00 the sum of Twenty One Dollars and Thirty Seven Cents to Spencer White, \$21.37 the sum of Fourteen



Dollar and Ninety Cents to Austin Smith & Bro, \$4.90  
 the sum of Two Dollars and Six Cents to Calvin Huston,  
 \$2.06 the sum of Twenty Four Dollars and Eighty Seven  
 Cents to Royal Huston, \$24.87 the sum of Eighty Four Cents  
 to Joseph Enderton, \$0.84 the sum of Four Dollars to Wm  
 Dagland, \$4.00 the sum of Thirty Eight Dollars and Twenty  
 Seven Cents to Abner Wiley, \$38.77 the sum of Twenty Four  
 Dollars to Mrs Baker, \$24.00 the sum of Thirteen Dollars and  
 Fifty Cents to George Hefin, \$13.50 the sum of Fifteen Dol-  
 lars to Lucretia Smith, \$15.00 and the sum of Two Dollars  
 and Twenty Five Cents to the Glasgow Manufacturing  
 Company, \$2.25 the same being in full compensation  
 for all damages sustained by them in consequence of  
 the foregoing location. And it is further ordered by the  
 County Commissioners, that the said towns of Rudloe  
 and Chicopee cause so much of the foregoing loca-  
 tion of highway as lays in the respective towns to be  
 completed to the acceptance of the County Commission-  
 ers, on or before the first day of July, A.D. 1881. And  
 it is further ordered by the County Commissioners  
 that whenever the said town of Chicopee shall have  
 completed so much of said location as lies within  
 said town of Chicopee to the acceptance of said Com-  
 missioners there shall be paid to the said town from  
 the County Treasury the sum of nine hundred and  
 fifty dollars. The sum of lands over which the fore-  
 going location of highway is made are allowed un-  
 til January 15<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1881 to remove their buildings,  
 timber, trees and fences therefrom.

Edwin Chase }  
 Leonard Clark } County  
 S. T. Root } Commissioners

all of which, by the report of said Commissioners  
 filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition,  
 fully appears And now the said report being read  
 and considered, is accepted, and the road established  
 as and for a public highway.



Isaac Hall et al  
Pet. for a new road  
in Granville

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of Hampshire County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
The undersigned citizens and legal voters of Granville and the adjoining towns represent that the public good requires a road commencing near the bridge near the mill of Lucius Twining and then leaving the road that connects East & West Granville and in its southerly course crossing the land of said Twining and others at an estimated distance of from 1/2 to 3 miles and connecting with the road that leads from Quane Hall's to Hartland Hollow thus making the shortest possible route from Westfield & other towns of western Hampshire to the villages of New Hartford, Collinsville & others on the Farmington river. That the prayer of your petitioners may be granted for which we as in duty bound will ever pray.

Isaac Hall and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the year last aforesaid, to wit, at this meeting, and now the Commissioners appoint a place and time for a view of the premises, and direct notice of the same to be given, and it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with actual costs.

Mahlon Haley et al  
Pet. for a new highway  
in Tolland

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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire

The undersigned resident of said County respectfully represent that common convenience and necessity requires the laying out establishing & conducting of a highway from the house of the late Henry Bliss in Tolland leading Northerly to the line between the towns of Tolland and Sandisfield at the lower Bridge place so called on Farmington River, and we petition your Board that the same may be done.



Order of the Court

and that all orders proceedings needful to that end, may be had and taken.

April 1888

Mahlon Kaley and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of August then next and eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Charles J. Persons, in Tolland, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be read upon the clerk of the town of Tolland, being the town within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty sixth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceed to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners continued the consideration of the matter to the next regular adjourned meeting of the County Commissioners, when the said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid,



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said Commissioners appointed Friday the eighth day of October then met and were i'clock in the forenoon at the house of Charles J. Inman, in said Tolland, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said eighth day of October met and proceeded to continue the consideration of the matter to this meeting, held on this third day of November, A.D. 1880, and now said Commissioners do proceed to locate as follows. Beginning at a point one and one half rods West of a stone monument set in the ground by the side of the old highway Westwardly of the Blue House, so called, thence North 16° West 37 rods, thence North 3° West 11 rods and 5 links, thence North 4° East 7 rods and 14 links, thence North 7° East 7 rods and 12 links, thence North 5° West 5 rods and 3 links or to the center of the Farmington River, so called, it being the County line of Berkshire and Hampden, to connect with bridge and road now laid out and to be built by the town of Sandisfield. Suitable railings must be constructed to the approaches to the bridge. No persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none being entitled to damages, none are awarded. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that whenever the said town of Tolland shall have completed said highway and bridge to the acceptance of said Commissioners, then shall be paid to the said town from the County Treasury the sum of Four Hundred Dollars.

The following are the Specifications for Masonry.  
On the Farmington River between the towns of Sandisfield and Tolland. Piers. The face stone of pier to be laid in courses. Rock face with or without drafts on the corners, and no projection more than two inches. The Stitches to



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be usually not less than four feet long, and shall have at least as much bed as rise, and there shall be no place on either bed where the width will be less than eight inches. All face stone to be thoroughly bedded to at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch joint in good cement mortar with thickness of courses decreasing regularly from bottom to top. Vertical joints must extend in from face of wall at least eight inches and no joint to be greater or than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. The whole wall to be laid in cement or grouted as directed. Ice breakers of pier to be of cut stone with no projections over an inch on the face well bonded to the pier. Breaking joints not less than twelve inches. Batter 3 inches to the foot at right angle to the face, sides of pier to batter  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to the foot. Headers must constitute at least one fifth of the face of wall and be properly arranged. The width must not be less than the rise. The beds dressed as specified for Sletcher. They must not be less than three feet long, and hold the same relation to the heart of the wall as is shown on the face. Abutments to be quarried stone of good size laid in irregular courses with good beds free from pinholes, in cement or grouted as directed. The coping of abutments and steps of wings to be of split stone with square joints and edges and well bedded. The wall to be well bonded. Leaders to be used in face as in pier masonry and similarly disposed in the back. Foundation to go four feet below the bed of the river or to rock. If any wall is to be grouted it shall not be raised over four feet before grouting. Mortar or grout to be made of two parts clean sharp sand and one of cement measured and mixed in a proper manner; and used immediately after being mixed. The filling behind abutments to be kept level in layers not over 6 inches thick, well tamped for a distance of at least 6 feet from back of wall. The walls to be carried 10 inches higher than the old ones. A bridge sufficient to hold a rolling load of eighty pounds to the square foot, exclusive of its own weight. The span to be 48 ft. between the masonry at Bridge seat. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the



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town of Tolland cause the foregoing described highway  
to be made and completed in accordance with the  
foregoing order and to the acceptance of the County  
Commissioners on or before the first day of July A.  
D. 1889.

Edwin Chase } County  
Leonard Black } Commissioners  
L. J. Root }

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners  
filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition,  
fully appear. And now the said report being read  
and considered, is accepted, and the road established  
as and for a public highway.

The Committee of the town  
of Tolland file for a  
new highway in Tolland

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

Respectfully sheweth the undersigned a com-  
mittee of the town of Tolland & in behalf of the same in  
said County, duly appointed for the purpose at a le-  
gal town meeting of the Inhabitants of said town, that  
said town is opposed to the petition of Nathlon Haley &  
others for a highway in said Tolland now pending  
before the County Commissioners, that the public conven-  
ience & necessity of said town or the town of Sandisfield  
do not require that the petition now pending should  
be granted, but if in the opinion of said Commis-  
sioners further increased facilities between said town  
of Tolland & said Sandisfield are required, the route  
selected by said Haley & others is not the one demanded  
by the public. The undersigned therefore most respectfully  
petition your honorable body if a new road must  
be laid that a new road should be located & con-  
structed from a point near the dwelling house in said  
Tolland of the late Henry Chase deceased in a west-  
erly direction to the river & about forty five rods south-  
ely of the present bridge between the two towns aforesaid.  
Wherefore your petitioners pray that your honorable  
board will view the premises & order said road located  
& constructed & as in duty bound will ever pray  
Tolland Aug. 31. 1888



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George H. Changer } Committee of the  
Foster & Moore } town of Fitchburg

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, at which meeting the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises, and directed notice of the same to be given. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with actual costs.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden -

Respectfully represents of our petitioners, citizens of Springfield and vicinity, that they are well acquainted with Artemus E. Shaw, who is now under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Hampden, for the term of one year, for the crime of drunkenness. That your petitioners believe that since his confinement <sup>under said sentence</sup> he has been sober & has come to a serious and firm determination to let intoxicating drink entirely alone, and ask that he may be allowed to go at large on probation for the remainder of the term of his sentence, believing that his future conduct will be such as to merit this leniency.

Samuel Bolton and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of and for the County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Respectfully represents your petitioner Daniel O'Shea of Springfield in said Commonwealth that on day of September A. D. 1888, before the Police Court of said Springfield on a complaint for drunkenness,

Samuel Bolton et al.  
Pet. for release of  
Artemus E. Shaw  
from House of Cor-  
rection

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D. H. Taylor et al.  
Pet. for release of  
Daniel O'Shea from  
House of Correction

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he was sentenced thereto to be punished by confinement in the house of correction situate in said Springfield for the term of six months. That your petitioner represents that he has a wife and children who are dependant on him for support he further represents that he has served months of his said sentence, and that should your honorable body see fit to grant clemency he will return to and become a useful and honorable member of society. It therefore he prays that your Honorable Body may grant him pardon upon such terms conditions and under such limitations as to him by you may be deemed most proper.

Daniel O'Haffa.

We the undersigned citizens of Springfield respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.  
Springfield Mass. October 1880

W. N. Taylor and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

D. Mackintosh et al.  
Pet. for release of Martin  
Lynch from House  
of Correction.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the  
County of Hampden.

Respectfully shews Martin Lynch of Holyoke in said County that he is a resident of said Holyoke for twenty years last past, that he is now undergoing a sentence of six months imprisonment at the County jail in Springfield for the third offence of drunkenness, that he has never been in any jail, house of correction, or other penal institution before, that he intends to reform and has reformed his drinking habit which have only lately been contracted by severe domestic affliction, by taking the total abstinence pledge, that he respectfully requests your Honorable Board to exercise your statutory privilege and grant him a permit for the remainder of his sentence, or during his good behavior, and your petitioner believes, and has reason to believe, that a majority of the citizens of Holyoke would be pleased to have your Honorable Board exercise your statutory power of issuing a permit in his case, and



your petitioners as an duty bound, will ever pray.

(His mark) X J. H. Fogg (moderator)

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Holyoke, most respectfully recommend to the merciful consideration of the Honorable County Commissioners the petition of Martin Lynch, and we most respectfully and cordially recommend him to your Honorable Board as a person deserving a permit, believing that he will not abuse the privilege granted him.

D. Mackintosh and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the County Commissioners, Sir,

Pat Murney Pet. for release from House of Correction

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As I have been here four months for getting drunk at Holyoke under a sentence of one year, I ask your Honors to look up my case as I have been in this country seven years and never asked a nights lodging of no mean but what I paid for it like a man, for reference you can go to H. B. Smith at Westfield. I worked for him two years and was faithful. I think I have been here long enough and received punishment enough, as I never was arrested before in my life and trust this will be a warning for me. I respectfully ask you to be lenient with me and grant me my freedom and ever after I will try and be a man.

Yours with respect

Pat Murney.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Jennio M. Bartley Pet. for release from House of Correction

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Respectfully represents Jennio M. Bartley of Holyoke in said County that he was legally tried and convicted of the crime of drunkenness before the Police Court of Holyoke on the twenty fourth day of October



Last past under the act of the Legislature of Mass.  
passed in 1888, was sentenced to the House of Correc-  
tion for the term of eight months. And your petitioner  
asks that he may be pardoned under the authority  
given you by said act of 1888, and for the follow-  
ing reasons, to wit. Because he has a widowed mother  
dependent upon him for support and second, because  
he can have steady and constant work and employ-  
ment. Third, because he intends never to use any in-  
toxicating liquors again. Third Because he never has  
committed any crime against the laws of this state or  
society at large except as before named and he prom-  
ises you on his honor as a man that in the future  
he will so conduct himself as to cause no trouble to  
the citizens of the City of Holyoke.

Attest  
Richard <sup>his</sup> Leonard  
J. H. Snapp atty for Dennis M<sup>r</sup> Barty  
Holyoke Nov 1888

We the undersigned citizens of Holyoke, ask your Hon-  
orable body that the prayer of the said Dennis M<sup>r</sup> Barty  
may be granted, as we believe that he intends to live  
up to the spirit and letter of his promises.  
Holyoke Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1888

L. B. Prescott and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now  
it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Rolands J. Arny  
Scty. for release from  
House of Corrections  
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To the Honorable the County Commissioner for the  
County of Hampden

Respectfully represents Rolands J. Arny  
of Springfield in sd County That on the third day  
of September A.D. 1888 he was convicted before the  
Police Court of sd Springfield of the offence of being a  
common drunkard, and was by sd Court sentenced  
to the House of Correction for sd County, for the term of  
six months which sd sentence he is now performing.  
That your petitioner has reformed & is desiring of lead-  
ing an orderly course of life. Therefore he prays your  
Honorable board to discharge him from confinement  
Springfield Mass Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1888 Rolands J. Arny



The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. Dennis Percy Petr. for release from House of Correction.

Respectfully represents your Petitioner that her son, Dennis Percy, is now under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Hampden, for the term of six months, for the crime of intoxication. That your Petitioner believes that since his confinement under said sentence, he has wholly reformed, and asks that he may be allowed to go at large on probation for the remainder of the term of his sentence, believing that his future conduct will be such as to merit this leniency.

Attest:

Eliza A. Jewell.

Delia X Percy  
mark  
Peter Percy

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable Commissioners of the County of Hampden. Daniel M<sup>r</sup> Garty Petr. for release from House of Correction.

Respectfully represents the undersigned your petitioners, citizens of the town of Chicopee, That Daniel M<sup>r</sup> Garty of Chicopee was sentenced to the House of Correction within and for said County of Hampden, by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Justice of the Peace Court of Chicopee on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November last past for the term of four months, for the offence of drunkenness. And your petitioners further represent that said M<sup>r</sup> Garty has a wife and four children all of said children being under the age of fifteen years who are dependant upon him for support. And they further represent that in their opinion and belief, said M<sup>r</sup> Garty will henceforth and hereafter abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Wherefore they would humbly petition your Honorable Board to exercise the powers extended to you by Sec. 3 Chap. 221 of the Act of the year 1888 of the General Court, and issue to him the said M<sup>r</sup> Garty a permit to be at liberty during



the remainder of his term of sentence.

Howard C. Hill and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Geo. Rumrill Jr. Pet.  
for release from  
House of Correction

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To the Board of County Commissioners, Gentlemen.  
The undersigned citizens of the town of Chicopee petition for the release of Geo. Rumrill Jr. from the House of Correction because of his impaired health and his promise for reformation.

Chicopee Falls Dec. 2<sup>d</sup> 1880.

Norman R. Wood and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

John Sullivan Pet.  
for release from House  
of Correction

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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents your Petitioner John Sullivan, that he is now under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Hampden, for the term of one year, for the crime of intoxication. That he intends to reform and asks that he may be allowed to go at large on probation for the remainder of the term of his sentence, believing that his future conduct will be such as to merit this leniency.

John Sullivan.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Frank Tobin Pet.  
for release from House  
of Correction

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To the Honorable Board of the County Commissioners of Hampden County.

Frank Tobin was arrested August 31<sup>st</sup> 1880 by officer George White of Amherst Hall for drunkenness and is sentenced for one year. The undersigned think he has been there long enough and his family are very much in need of his help.

Brinton J. Robbins and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now



it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Palmer, located and ordered upon the petition of J. M. Eager, and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway  
on pet. of J. M. Eager

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Palmer, located and ordered upon the petition of V. B. Smith et al., and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway  
on petition of V. B. Smith et al.

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Chester, located and ordered upon the petition of Jason H. Fisk and others, and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway  
on petition of Jason  
H. Fisk et al.

### Rules and Regulations of the Hamden County Infant School.

### Rules and Regulations of Infant School.

1. This Institution being established not only for the correction and prevention of Juvenile Delinquency in this County, and instruction in school studies to the children placed here, - but also with the purpose of inspiring and cultivating in those children right motives and habits of character and conduct, - therefore, all proper care shall be taken by those having the management of this Institution, when dealing with the children, to set before them such examples as shall promote the objects of the Institution as above specified.



2. The Officers and Managers of this Institution are, - a Superintendent, Matron, Teacher, and such other or Assistants as the County Commissioners may think necessary - all of whom are expected to labor in harmony, in accordance with these Rules, for the highest interests of the Institution.
3. The Superintendent shall have the general oversight and management of the Institution, and all the buildings, grounds and other property, belonging thereto, and shall give such general or special directions in regard to the care of the property, or the performance of the duties of the Institution as, in his judgment are deemed necessary. He shall purchase all supplies needed in any department as directed by the County Commissioners. He shall also have a special care, and, - as far as consistent with his other duties, take a direct personal part in the instruction and training of the children in the schoolroom, or elsewhere.
4. The Matron shall have the care of all household matters as the general housekeeper, and shall have the personal charge of the children's clothing, sleeping rooms, bedding, &c., and the selection and oversight of their food and table.
5. The Assistant Superintendent shall have the special care and management of the farm and the buildings, cattle, tools, &c., belonging thereto, and shall care for and manage the same according to best judgment for the highest interests of the Institution, subject to direction from the Superintendent or the County Commissioners. He shall also have charge of the boys when assigned to assist him in his labor by the Superintendent. He shall also have charge of the boys in their dormitory at night, and in the absence of the Superintendent. He shall also have charge of the Heating Apparatus in the house, - similar to his care of the farm.
6. The wife of the Assistant Superintendent shall have charge of the culinary department of the Institution, attend to the cooking and other duties of that department according to her best judgment subject to direction from the Matron only, and shall be assisted



by the children as assigned by the Matron.

7. The Teacher shall give instruction in the school and assist the Matron when required.

8. The Superintendent and Matron shall establish specified and regular hours for the children to retire to their beds and to rise, and for the meals, both of the children and managous, and for other duties in the Institution when by them deemed advisable, to each of which, those concerned are expected to conform as promptly as possible.

9. These rules may, in any particular, be changed or amended by the County Commissioners.

Edwin Chase

Leonard Black } County

S. J. Root } Commissioners

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampton, ss

County Commissioners Meeting, Nov. 3<sup>d</sup>. 1881.

In the matter of the petition of Jackson Cady et al for alteration of highway in Ludlow. It now appearing to the said Commissioners that in the record of the location of the alteration of said highway, an error has been made in describing the course between stake No. 20 and stake No. 22. It is therefore ordered by the County Commissioners that the said record be amended, by striking out the words "5 1/2" and "11", and inserting in the place thereof "53 1/2" and "9 rods 6 1/2 links", so the record shall read thence N. 55 1/4 N. 53 1/2 rods to stake No. 21, thence N. 71 N. 9 rods 6 1/2 links to stake No. 22.

Edwin Chase

Leonard Black } County

S. J. Root } Commissioners

Mr. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, is hereby ordered to transfer from the Funds in his hands as County Treasurer to his account as Treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said County, the sum of seven of Dollars

Decree amending Location  
Report on Pet. of Jackson  
Cady et al for alteration  
of highway in Ludlow  
(See File 1881)

County Treasurer are  
charged to transfer  
funds to Sinking  
Fund



Thousand Dollars, and to hold the same subject to  
order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund  
of said County  
Springfield, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1881

Lands Damages

The following persons are allowed the sum set against  
their names for damages to lands taken for highways,  
amounting to the sum of Thirty Five Dollars and  
the same are ordered to be paid from the County  
Treasury.

To Amos Ensign on Pet. of L. J. Wolcott et al. \$20.00  
• Henry Hubbard . . . . . 5.00  
• Henry Sherman . . . . . 10.00  
\$35.00

Accounts

\$570.13

\$112.50

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amount-  
ing to the sum of five thousand seven hundred dollar  
and eighty three cents, and the same are ordered to  
be paid from the County Treasury, also sundry expenses  
for the building of a Truant School, amounting to one  
hundred and twelve dollar and fifty cent, are allowed  
and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

Cambridge, ss Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Judgment is entered up according  
to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are or-  
dered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned  
without day.

Attest

Robert O'Meara Clerk.



December 28, 1888

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commission  
now begun and holden at Springfield, within and for  
the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of De-  
cember, being the twenty eighth day of said month, in  
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty.

Present Edwin Chace, Chairman  
Leonard Clark  
Lewis F. Root } County  
Commissioners.

and by adjournments on the fifth and eighteenth  
days of January, on the first, eighth and tenth days  
of February, on the first day of March, and on the  
fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thou-  
sand eight hundred and eighty one.

Present Leonard Clark, Chairman  
Lewis F. Root  
Henry A. Chace } County  
Commissioners

Henry A. Chace, Esquire, of Holyoke, having been de-  
clared by the Board of Examiners elected County Com-  
missioner for the term of three years, and having been  
duly sworn, appears on the said fifth day of January,  
and the board consisting of Leonard Clark, Lewis F.  
Root and Henry A. Chace, Esquires, proceed to the choice  
of a chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three,  
of which Leonard Clark has two, and is chosen chair-  
man of the board for the year ensuing.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden - Emerson Wright, Mayor.

I respectfully request your attention to the for-  
going certified copy of a Resolve duly passed by the City School  
Board of the City of Springfield and I respectfully  
represent that the establishment of such a tenant school  
as is called for in said Resolve is greatly needed by  
said City.

I therefore request you as soon as the



requisite number of Cities or Towns within said County shall have made the proper requisition upon your Honorable Board for the establishment of such a transient school to forthwith proceed to establish the same in accordance to law.

Emerson Hight  
Mayor of the City of Springfield.

City of Springfield.

In Common Council, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1877  
Resolved, if the Board of Aldermen concur, that The City of Springfield does hereby require the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden to establish, at some convenient place in said County, at the expense of the said County, a transient school for the confinement, discipline and instruction of minor children convicted under the provisions of Chapter 262 of the Acts of 1873, and to make suitable provisions for the government and control of said school, as provided said Commissioners shall in Section 5 of said Chapter and that the Mayor be requested to present this requisition to said Commissioners, and be authorized to sign, on behalf of said City, any petitions or other instruments necessary or proper to effect the purposes of this resolve.

Read, adopted and sent up for concurrence.  
E. A. Newell, Clerk

Board of Aldermen

October 8<sup>th</sup> 1877

Read and adopted in concurrence.

A. J. Fithum Clerk.

(A true copy. Attest, A. J. Fithum

City Clerk

City of Holyoke.

Wm Whitung, Mayor.  
Pet. for the establishment of a transient school

In Board of Aldermen, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Resolved, the Common Council concurring, that the City of Holyoke does hereby require the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden to establish at some convenient place in said County, at the expense of said County, a transient school for the confinement, discipline



and instruction of minor children convicted under the provisions of Chapter 262 of the acts of 1873, and to make suitable provision for the government and control of said school as provided in section 5 of said Chapter, and that the Mayor be requested to present this requisition to said Commissioners, and be authorized to sign on behalf of said City, any petitions or other instruments necessary or proper to effect the purposes of this resolve.

In Board of Aldermen. Feb. 11. 1878.

Adopted.

J. E. Delaney, Clerk.

Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, Feb. 11. 1878.

Concurred.

Simon Brooks, Clerk.

A true copy - Attest J. E. Delaney City Clerk.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

I respectfully request your attention to the foregoing certified copy of a Resolve duly passed by the City Council of the City of Holyoke, and I respectfully request that the establishment of such a Truant School as is called for in said Resolve, is greatly needed by said City. I therefore request you, as soon as the requisite number of Cities or Towns within said County shall have made the proper requisition upon your Honorable Board for the establishment of such a Truant School, to forthwith proceed to establish the same, according to law.

J. W. Whiting

Mayor of the City of Holyoke.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants qualified voters Selectmen of Chicopee in the Town of Chicopee holden pursuant to warrant of the State for the establishment of a Truant School on motion of George W. Dennison it was voted that the town petition the County Commissioners to establish a truant school as provided in Chapter 262 of the Acts of 1873.



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A true copy of record Attest - Sester Dickinson Town Clerk

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of  
Hampden County

The undersigned pursuant to the  
above named vote of the Town of Chicopee, would here-  
by petition your Hon. Board to take into consideration  
the subject matter of the same, and act in accord-  
ance therewith, so far as consistent with the mutual  
interests therein contained.

Silas Worman

Chicopee May 6<sup>th</sup> 1879

Chairman of Board of  
Selectmen of Town of Chic-  
opee

S. J. Powers Mayor.  
Pet. for the establish-  
ment of a Tuant  
School.

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To the Honorable, the County Commissioners for the  
County of Hampden, Massachusetts.

In accordance with instructions from  
the City Council of Springfield, I herewith lay before  
you a certified copy of an order passed by said Coun-  
cil instructing me to ask your Board to establish a  
County Tuant School for the County of Hampden,  
and in behalf of said Council, I do hereby request  
your honorable Board to establish such a school for  
the County of Hampden aforesaid.

Springfield Mass.  
April 23. 1879 }

S. J. Powers Mayor

City of Springfield

In Board of Aldermen April 7<sup>th</sup> 1879

Ordered, if the Common Council concur, That the  
Mayor be authorized and requested to petition the  
Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hamp-  
den to establish in some convenient place in said  
County a tuant school at the expense of said County  
for the confinement, discipline, and instruction of mi-  
nor children convicted under the provisions of Chapter  
262, of the acts of 1873. and that the City Council do  
hereby require the establishment of such a school by said  
County Commissioners, as provided may be done by



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said chapter 263 of the acts of 1873.

Read, passed and sent  
down for concurrence.

A. J. Folsom Clerk  
Common Council, April 7. 1879.  
Concurred.

Approved April 11. 1879.

E. A. Newell

L. J. Davis Mayor.

Clerk.

A true copy. Attest.

A. J. Folsom

City Clerk.

It therefore appearing to the County Commissioners that there or more cities and towns in the County required the establishment of a tenant school for the confinement, discipline and instruction of minor children convicted of truancy, said Commissioners on the twenty eighth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy nine, purchased eleven acres of land on the 'Matton Farm', so called, in Springfield, of Lucy A. Rice, for thirteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1320) and on the twenty ninth day of August, in the year last aforesaid, contracted for the erection of a building on said land with L. H. Scott of Springfield, for the sum of five thousand six hundred dollars (\$5600), on the sixteenth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, contracted with L. L. Shaw, of Springfield, for the erection of a barn for thirteen hundred and seventy five dollars (\$1375) and on the sixth day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty, contracted with L. H. Scott for the erection of an addition to the tenant school building for the sum of four hundred and sixty dollars (\$460). The total cost of the land and buildings is now ascertained to be as follows:

Land,	\$ 1320. 00
Building,	4263. 67
Barn,	1375. 00
Fence,	600. 42
Furniture,	175. 30
	<u>\$14110. 39</u>



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E. A. Warner et al  
Pet. for discontinuance  
of highways in Agawam

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, inhabitants of the town of Agawam in said County, do hereby respectfully petition your honorable body to discontinue the Old Ferry way and road down the hill there, the same being no longer used for travel Also to discontinue so much of the old road extending west from said ferry way as is included between its intersection with the River Road and its junction with the new road recently ordered and located from the west end of the new bridge, in a direct line therewith, the latter discontinuance to take effect immediately upon the completion of said new road.

E. A. Warner and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, at which meeting, the Commissioners taking a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the sixth day of April then next and 10 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South End Bridge, in Agawam, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Agawam, being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said sixth day of April, the Commissioners met at the



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time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the fifth day of January, then next, and at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in said Springfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to discontinue as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said discontinuance in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said fifth day of January met and proceeded to locate the discontinuance as follows. Commencing at a stone monument on the easterly side of the Ferry road, which stands South  $3^{\circ}$  West  $\times$  477 feet from the face of the South end of the westerly abutment of the South End Bridge near to the house of S. Q. Warner and this station is also South  $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East and 132 feet from the last stone monument set on the westerly side of the Ferry road, and south  $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East  $\times$  84 feet from the last but one bound on said ferry road, and S  $37\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East  $\times$  552 feet distant from the last but two bounds on said road and is 94  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet from N.E. corner of S. Q. Warner's house and 140 feet from N.W. corner of E. A. Warner's house. Then from the above Station Southerly in line of the easterly line of the Ferry road 20 feet to a maple tree, as mentioned in the location made in 1864, and from said maple tree East to the Connecticut River at low water mark and on said river northerly to a point North  $78^{\circ}$  East of the first mentioned station, and from this point to the first mentioned Station, all the land lying within the above described bounds is hereby relinquished



to the original owner E. A. Warner. The another alteration - commencing at a point 140 feet northerly of stone monument near the house belonging to H. H. Kirkland and in line of said survey, the road being 50 feet wide at this point and is to increase from this point to the width of 53 feet at a point mentioned in said survey as designated by stone on the south side of cross road at the North East corner of B. Coley's home lot.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1891. Variation of Needle 10° West

No damages being claimed by any person or corporation, and no one being entitled to any in the opinion of the County Commissioners, none are awarded.

Harvard Clark }  
J. F. Root } County  
Henry A. Chase } Commissioners.

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report is returned and accepted, and it is ordered that said highways be discontinued.

John Q. Gallup et al.  
Pet. for relocation  
of highway in Agawam

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
The undersigned citizens and tax payers of the town of Agawam, respectfully represent that the highway leading from the state line near the house of Frank Norton to the north corner of land of Henry Worthington, is indefinite in location and without fixed and defined boundaries. Wherefore they respectfully request that said highway may be located anew for the purpose of establishing the boundary lines thereof, and making such alterations as shall seem to your Honorable Board proper.

John Q. Gallup and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed



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Tuesday, the sixth day of April then next and 11 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling house of John D. Gallup, in Agawam, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Agawam, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, <sup>in like manner</sup> as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said sixth day of April, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners continued the consideration of the matter from meeting to meeting until the meeting held on the first day of December, A.D. 1880, when said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the fifth day of January then next and 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in said Springfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said relocation, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view except publishing an



abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof, on the said fifth day of January, met and proceeded to relocate, as follows. Commencing at the State Line on the west side of the Hartford Turnpike at a granite monument marked No. 1 and north  $70\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  West from the State Monument on the East side of said Turnpike and 73 feet distance therefrom and running north  $11^{\circ}$  east 1810 feet to stone monument marked No. 2, in line of fence between Lykes and Button then North  $15^{\circ}$  East 630 feet to a monument opposite the dwelling house of John Q. Gallup. This station is in line with the north side of said Gallup's house and 127 feet distant from the north west corner of the same and  $49\frac{1}{2}$  feet distant from the north east corner of Silas Barker's dwelling house. This station is marked No. 3, road is 56 feet wide at this point measured at right angles to the back course. The point of compare from station 3 to corner of Mr. Gallup's house is North  $11^{\circ}$  East and from station 3 to N.E. corner of Mr. Barker's house is South  $40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West. Then from station 3 to No. 4 is North  $15^{\circ}$  East 40 feet to stone monument. width of road at Sta. 4 50 feet. Then North  $11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 20 feet to monument marked No. 5. width of road at No. 5 60 feet. then North  $11^{\circ}$  East 100 feet to station No. 6. width of road at this station 60 feet. Then North  $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 100 feet to station No. 7 width of road at this station 61 feet. Then North  $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 100 feet to station No. 8 width of road at this station 69 feet. Then North  $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West 100 ft. to station No. 9 width of road at this station 80 feet. Then North  $5^{\circ}$  West 100 feet to station No. 10 width of road at this station 90 feet. Then North  $1^{\circ}$  West 100 feet to station No. 11 width of road at this station 90 feet. Then North  $1^{\circ}$  East 100 feet to station No. 12 width of road at this station 90 feet. Then North  $9^{\circ}$  East 135 feet to station No. 13. width of road 100 feet. Station No. 13 is the same as made by W. M. Lewis in his survey, made in 1870, and this survey connects with said Lewis survey and at this point follows him to the northerly terminus of his survey. Station No. 13 is  $27\frac{1}{2}$  feet from the west end of the face of the west end of the south abutment and 20 feet x 8 inches from the west end of the face of



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the north abutment and 122 feet from a Buttonball tree near to the west end of Bridge. In all cases the width of road is measured at right angles with the Back Corner. Sept. 1, 1891 variation of needle 10° West. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Twenty Dollars to Silas Cook, \$17.00 and the sum of Seven Dollars to Lewis F. Whitman, \$7.00 the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them, in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Egawam cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of June, A.D. 1891.

Leonard Clark

L. F. Root

Henry A. Chace

County

Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appear. And now, the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the Honorable County Commissioners the County of Hampden

Edward Barry Petitioner  
for release from House  
of Correction

Respectfully represents your petitioner Edward Barry, that he is now under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Hampden for the term of one year for the crime of intoxication, that he intends to reform and asks that he may be allowed to go at large on probation for the remainder of the term of his sentence believing that his future conduct will be such as to merit this leniency.

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J. H. Knight and others.

The foregoing petition is introduced at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

James Fitzhenny  
Pet. for release from  
House of Correction  
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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represents your petitioner James Fitzhenny that he is now under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Hampden for the term of six months for the crime of intoxication. That he intends to reform and asks that he may be allowed to go at large on probation for the remainder of his term of his sentence believing that his future conduct will be such as to merit this leniency.

J. Knight Fuller and others.

The foregoing petition is introduced at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

James M<sup>rs</sup> Till  
Pet. for release from  
House of Correction  
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To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Respectfully represents James M<sup>rs</sup> Till of sd. Springfield that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October last past he was convicted before the Police Court of Springfield in sd. County for a single offence of drunkenness it not having been set out in the complaint that he had been previously convicted of sd. offence. That the extent of the punishment for sd. offence of which he was convicted is a fine of one dollar. But that the sd. Police Court by inadvertence and mistake sentenced him to hard labor in the House of Correction for the term of six months which sd. sentence he is now serving and which said sentence is illegal & void and your petitioner further represents that he has reformed. Wherefore your petitioner prays that your Honorable Body will order him discharged from sd. House of Correction and permit him to be at liberty during remainder of sd. term, & for such further order in the premises as to



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law & justice shall ascertain.

Future

E. J. Maynard

James L. M. <sup>his P. M. <sub>mark</sub> Hill</sup>

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioner the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents your petitioner George Ogden Petr. for release from House of Correction 105  
Ogden that he is now under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Hampden for the term of six months for the crime of intoxication that he intends to reform and asks that he may be allowed to go at large on probation for the remainder of the term of his sentence believing that his future conduct will be such as to merit this leniency.

W. J. King and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Springfield Jail.

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1888.

Mr. Clark Sir

I wish you a happy new year, and hope you will live to enjoy a good many of them, it is not a very happy one for me locked up here in jail away from my wife and child. Oh think how they must suffer. Mr. Clark I wish you would please look into my case and see if you cant pardon me, but I will promise that I will never drink any more. I have been in here since last Oct. only think of it. it has learned me a lesson that I will not forget if I live to be 90 years old. I never had any other crime against me. I never stole anything nor quarreled with any body. and I have behaved myself to the best of my ability you cant imagine how I have suffered. not at my treatment but thinking of my wife and child.

George B. Williams  
Petr for release from  
House of Correction  
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I ask you to pardon me out more on their behalf  
than on mine for I have no fault to find with my  
treatment here it is better than I expected, and the  
officers have been very just and kind. I hope and  
pray that you will pardon me out Mr. Clark and  
I want you will not be sorry for it. think of my  
wife with a baby 2 years old, how she must suffer  
through my foolishness. but I declare before God she  
will not have to do it again. What a blessed New  
Years gift it would be to her and me both if you  
would grant me a pardon, and I know the Lord  
will reward you for it. I have plenty of work that  
I can do when I get out. I never was a common  
drunkard either. I have been drunk just three times in  
two years, but that was three times to many, you can  
ask any of the following men about me Mr. E. Q. Allen.  
Mr. Alvin Kirkland - Mr. Henry Kirkland - Mr. L. L. Whit-  
man - Mr. E. H. Bodurtha - Mr. W. H. Churchill - Mr. Fred  
Leonard - all of Agawam where I lived for 11 years, or  
you can ask any of the following in Springfield, men  
who have known me from my childhood - Mr. A. J.  
Bemis - Mr. J. O. Bemis - Mr. Gus Bemis - Mr. Chas. Bemis -  
Mr. E. L. Saw - Mr. J. Bailey - Mr. Henry Sargent - Dr. W. A.  
Duck, and a good many others that I could mention,  
think it over Mr. Clark and for God sake pardon  
me, think of my wife and baby. I promise I will  
not drink any more, never was a hard drinker  
any way. I have work that I can go at. I will  
now close this letter wishing you a happy new year,  
and hope you will make it happy for me and wife.

Yours humble servant  
George B. Williams

of Agawam.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and  
now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be  
granted.



To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden

Respectfully represents your petitioner Gustave Tatro  
that he is now under sentence in the House of Correction  
for the County of Hampden for the term of one year for  
the crime of intoxication. That he intends to reform,  
and asks that he may be allowed to go at large on  
probation for the remainder of the term of his sentence  
believing that his future conduct will be such as to  
merit this leniency.

J. H. Quackenbush and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and  
now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be  
granted.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the  
County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents the American  
Rapid Telegraph Company, a corporation duly established  
that its lines and wires from the south and west to  
the City of Springfield in said County of Hampden,  
and that it is desirous of placing its wires on the  
old bridge which crosses the Connecticut River from  
the west end of Bridge Street in said Springfield. That  
it has obtained permission from the Board of Alder-  
men of said Springfield to place its wires on said  
bridge providing the county commissioners and the Se-  
lectionmen of West Springfield consent. Wherefore said cor-  
poration respectfully petitions your honorable Board, that  
permission be granted to said corporation to place its  
wires on said Bridge.

By its Atty.

E. J. Kendrick

February 1, 1881.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners Meeting Feb. 1, 1881.  
We hereby consent that the within petition be granted.

Leonard Clark

L. F. Root

Henry A. Chase

County

Commissioners.

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Gustave Tatro Pet. for  
release from House of  
Correction.

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The American Rapid  
Telegraph Co. Pet. to  
place wires on old  
bridge

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The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be granted.

John White Petr.  
for release from  
House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the subscribers, citizens of Westfield in said County, that John White of said Westfield was, on the twelfth day of January last, legally committed to the house of correction in Springfield in said County for the term of six months for the offence of drunkenness, that we believe that said John has reformed and would not if released again give offence in like manner. Therefore we pray that you will issue to him, the said John, a permit to be at liberty during the remainder of said term of sentence, under the provisions of section 3 of chapter 221 of the Acts of the year 1880.

February 25<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Henry Lomis and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Mary Dwyer Petr.  
for release from  
House of Correction  
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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents your petitioner Mary Dwyer that she is now under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Hampden for the term of eight months for the crime of drunkenness. That she is soon to be confined. That she intends to reform, and asks that she may be allowed to go at large and return to her friends and remain on probation for the remainder of the term of her sentence, believing that her future conduct will be such as to merit this leniency.

Wm. A. M. Bradley  
Springfield March 18. 1881.

Mary Dwyer  
mark

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.



Westfield Mass. March 18<sup>th</sup> 1861.

A petition to the County Commissioners of Hampden County, Mass. We the undersigned, citizens of Westfield, being personally acquainted with Michael Saunders, now in the House of Correction at Springfield for drunkenness, believe that the ends of law & proper correction would be better answered by releasing him on probation during good behavior, than by compelling him to serve out his full sentence. We therefore beg leave to petition your honorable body to release him at the end of thirty days imprisonment if you in your wisdom <sup>and judgment</sup> can see it for his & the general good.

J. H. Mansfield and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now, to wit on the fifth day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty one, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners in and for the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens and legal voters of Palmer in said county that the common convenience and necessity require that a new highway be laid out and built in said Palmer as follows Beginning at a point on the old road leading from house of Franklin Barker to the Belchertown road about two rods north westerly of the corner of a wall thence Northeasterly crossing land of said Barker, land of the Old Company, of Boston & Albany Railroad Company and of Susan Hitchcock to a point in the old county road leading from Three Rivers to Belchertown at southerly corner of land of said Hitchcock thence northeasterly on line of said old county road to the new county road leading from Three Rivers to Belchertown being about 75 rods We therefore pray that you will view said premises and lay out said road and take such other action as to you shall seem meet and proper.

Palmer, Oct 4. 1861 Charles L. Gardner and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the

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Michael Saunders Pet.

for release from House of Correction

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Charles L. Gardner  
et al. Pet. for a new  
highway in Palmer

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County Commissioners helden at Springfield, within and for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the ninth day of November then next and 8<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock in the forenoon, at the Depot of the Boston and Albany Rail Road, in Town River, in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such high way is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said ninth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the proceedings in the matter were continued to the next regular meeting of the County Commissioners, and so from meeting to meeting to this meeting, held this fifth day of April, A.D. 1881, when, as at the time of said view, no person interested objecting thereto, the Commissioners proceed to locate as follows, Beginning at an iron bound on the East



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side of a highway leading from the River to the House of Frank Barker, and 475 feet westerly of the west line of location of the Springfield, Athol & F. & E. R. R. Thence running N. 45° 17' E and parallel with said Railroad 105.5 feet through land of Frank Barker. Thence same course by land of Luke Chapman 650 feet to an iron bound. Thence N. 45° 17' E 475 feet to the South East corner of Luke Chapman's house, thence same course 40.5 feet to land of Susan Hitchcock. Thence same course through said Hitchcock's land 50.4 feet to the highway leading to Belchertown. The above described line is the West side of road as laid out, said road being laid 49.5 feet wide and East of said line. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Fifty dollars to Susan Hitchcock, &c. &c. No other persons or corporations in the opinion of the Commissioners being entitled to damages, none other are awarded. And now it is ordered that the said town of Palmer cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Palmer to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps, and roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least ten inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 16 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said



traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 9 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 16 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 16 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 16 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one-half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road; they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable, from its weight, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made



partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned, in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center; and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees; where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler; the railing must consist of straight-hand some chestnut poles not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or posts, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together; with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the



posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than four feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without in any manner obstructing or interfering with said four feet for the traveled part of the road. When the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the material can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required,) said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendicular, the road must be worked to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone sides or abutments not less than two feet apart, and 18 inches high, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned 1/2 inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling-house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building, in the best shape for



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placing in a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect. otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the affluence thereto, provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling-house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing. (For in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossings intersections or connections therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. And it is further ordered that the grading of the road aforesaid which is within the town of Palmer, be so worked as not in any place to exceed the angle of ascent or descent from a horizontal line hereafter mentioned. The grade pins are all placed in the center of the location, are all driven down to near the surface of the earth, and the summits or tops of said pins are the points of admeasurement for ascertaining the amount of excavation or embankment. The summits or tops of those pins that are at grade, in connection with the line of inclination, represent the base of the traveled part of the road and the crowning of inches required by this order is, in all cases, to be considered as placed on or above the tops or summits of said pins and line. The grade pins that are mentioned in this description as being numbered, have a stake driven by the



side of them, bearing the same number as the side state  
opposite said grade pin and accompanying state. And  
it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that  
the said Town of Palmer cause the foregoing location  
of highway to be made, constructed and completed to  
the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 1881.

Leonard Clark

S. J. Root

Henry A. Chase

County

Commissioners.

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed  
among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition fully ap-  
pears. And now the said report being read and con-  
sidered, is accepted, and the road established as and  
for a public highway.

### County Estimates

Estimated Expenses of the County of Hampden for the year  
1881 with the Amount necessary to be raised by Tax.

For Payment of Jurors	5 00. 00	
• Services of Jurors	250. 00	
• Officers of Courts & meals of Jurors	12 00. 00	
• Salaries of Special & County Commissioners	16 00. 00	
• Land Damages	1650. 00	
• Sheriff Jurors	1 00. 00	
• Pub. Commissioners Notices	3 00. 00	
• Surveys of Highways	2 00. 00	
• Construction of Highways & Monuments	18 00. 00	
• Medical Examiners	12 00. 00	133 00. 00

### At Jail and House of Correction

For Provisions	45 00. 00
• Clothing	6 00. 00
• Fuel and Lights	2 00. 00
• Beds and Bedding	2 00. 00
• Salaries of Officers	32 00. 00
• Board of Officers & Employees	1 00. 00
• Repair	1 00. 00
• Instruction	3 00. 00
• Furniture & Utensils	3 00. 00
• Miscellaneous Expenses	5 00. 00



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For Medicine and Attendance	30.00	
Board of Prisoners in other Counties	50.00	1410.00
<b>At Court House</b>		
For Salary of Messenger & Engineer	160.00	
Record Books and Stationery	130.00	
Law Library	600.00	
Repairs Old & New Court House	120.00	
Fuel and Lights	120.00	
Salary of Sheriff	1250.00	
" Treasurer	120.00	
Examiners of Accounts	50.00	
Legal Expenses	30.00	
Criminal Cost	700.00	
Interest on County Notes	1050.00	
Payment of Funded Debt	10000.00	
County Indebtedness for Orders drawn on the Treasury	00.00	
Arts of Courts	10.00	4580.00
<b>Orphan School</b>		
	330.00	330.00
Salaries of the Justices of the Peace		
County of Springfield, Holyoke & Chicopee	450.00	
Salary of the Justice of the Peace		
Hampden District Court	00.00	
Salary of the Clerk of the Police		
Court of Springfield	1000.00	
For Services of the Special Justices		
of the Police & District Courts	20.00	630.00
Total Estimate		8280.00
Deduct estimated receipts		5800.00
Amount called for by Tax		7700.00

Leonard Clark }  
 S. F. Root } County  
 Henry A. Chase } Commissioners.



Apportionment of Dog  
Taxes refunded to towns

The County Commissioners having apportioned the money received under the provisions of Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1887, not expended in the payment of damages done by dogs, order that the same, amounting to the sum of four thousand sixty five dollars and eighty cents, be paid to the treasurers of the several cities and towns of the County, in the proportions following, viz:

To the Treasurer of Agawam	\$117.44
" " " Blandford	64.98
" " " Brimfield	68.35
" " " Chester	87.60
" " " Chicopee	218.14
" " " Granville	66.43
" " " Hampden	111.38
" " " Holland	15.18
" " " Holyoke	416.35
" " " Languadon	110.23
" " " Ludlow	97.23
" " " Monson	240.19
" " " Montgomery	28.88
" " " Palmer	218.00
" " " Russell	39.95
" " " Southwick	70.99
" " " Springfield	1263.49
" " " Tolland	43.32
" " " Uxbridge	51.50
" " " Westfield	442.82
" " " West Springfield	226.23
" " " Wilbraham	89.52
	<u>\$4065.80</u>

Sheep Damages

The sum of one thousand two dollars and forty cents is allowed for damages done to sheep and other domestic animals by dogs and for services performed under Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1887, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said act.



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Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>) Mr. E. A. Hubbard, of Springfield, and H. H. Eaton, of Westfield, are appointed a committee to examine the County Truant School, in this city, and to make any suggestions they may deem best for the improvement of the Institution.

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>) In the matter of the petition of L. J. Wolcott it ab., an additional sum of Fifteen Dollars is allowed Henry Hubbard for land damages.

Additional Land Damage allowed Henry Hubbard.

1871 Jan 5<sup>th</sup>) In the matter of the petition of Jacob L. Fisk it ab., the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars is allowed the Town of Chester as a part of the building expenses incurred by said town for building a new highway in said town.

Town of Chester allowed \$150.00 for building a new highway.

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>) Rev. H. H. Eaton, of Westfield, and Mr. E. A. Hubbard, of Springfield, are constituted a visiting committee for the ensuing year, at the County Truant School, to inspect the Institution and make such recommendations as they may deem reasonable.

Rev. H. H. Eaton and Mr. E. A. Hubbard constituted a visiting committee at County Truant School.

Voted, That the Wells Bridge County Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding Fifty thousand Dollars (\$50,000) and to make, execute and deliver notes or notes to that amount payable on the fifteenth of October next to the order of Daniel A. Mason Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with interest at the rate of three and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow in anticipation of County Tax.

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>) The offal at the House of Correction was sold to J. D. Thatcher for one hundred and twenty five dollars.

Offal at House of Correction sold to J. D. Thatcher.



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Contract for furnishing (Apr. 5) Contract for furnishing Jail & House of Correction with meat awarded John B. Brock for the year. at \$15 per lb. Thanks of Beef \$15 per lb. and Salt Pork \$10 per lb.

Contract for furnishing Jail (Apr. 5) Contract for furnishing Jail and Court House with ice awarded with ice, for the year, awarded Charles L. Flagg for \$7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>10</sub> Dollars \$32 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>10</sub> for Jail and \$15 for Court House.

Report of Visiting To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for Hampden County.  
Committee at the Gentlemen.  
Truant School

In compliance with your request the undersigned visited the Truant School on the 11 inst. and found in the general management and appointments much to approve.

The buildings and furniture are so far removed from extravagance that they are not likely to secure for the institution the name of a Palace for Truants, and while experience may suggest improvements upon the general plan the fault will not be found in the line of useless expenditure. In consideration of the utter lack of precedents to guide it is much to the credit of the Commissioners that the design and appointments afford so few grounds for criticism.

That the school is no more extensively patronized is due in part to the restraint imposed on truancy by the knowledge that such a place has been provided, in part to neglect on the part of town authorities to enforce truant By-Laws, a policy which seeks to economize at the expense of greater cost to the town in the future from the rampant crime and criminality in which truancy issues, and in part to the still greater neglect of towns to comply with the requirements of the Statute and adopt truant By-Laws - as a penalty has been provided for such neglect, it is expected that the State Board of Education will at an early day, take measures to secure its enforcement.

Notwithstanding these neglects the number of



purpose has steadily increased and will seem to equal to the accommodation at present provided.

The Superintendent and Nation appear well adapted to their positions, and equally careful to practice a wise economy, and to secure if possible the permanent reform of the truants committed to their charge.

It is probable that, in some cases, the health, habits and manners of the boys require more careful attention than at any former period of their lives. The return of kindness on one hand, and an excessive sympathy which condones their faults on the other appear to be wisely avoided. No attempt would seem to be made to teach them that it is a piece of good fortune for them to be there; but rather they are taught that it is a penalty for a great fault: while, at the same time, the opportunity is improved to correct their vicious tendencies.

The results of their labor upon the farm appear in the supply of vegetables had, and the work done by them in the house combines a saving of expense with instruction which may hereafter prove of great advantage to them.

From what has been learned of the working of the Institution thus far, it would seem that its usefulness would be promoted by the making of the sentences imposed by the Courts, ordinarily for the term of two years, and the prospect of an earlier release used as an inducement to good behavior and industry; while the boy committed for the full term would more readily incline to adapt himself to the situation and make a virtue of necessity, than one who expects to remain only a short period and at once begins to count the days before he will regain his liberty. A mind thus occupied with thoughts of speedy release is in no mood for study, and the general conduct less susceptible of improvement.

The food provided for dinner on the day the Institution was visited appeared



wholesome and well cooked the bill of fare for the week might possibly be improved without additional expense by an increase of the variety of dishes served from the same materials.

As the boys retire at eight o'clock an earlier supper would seem to be desirable. The presence of Supt. teacher or matron at table during each meal would afford an opportunity to secure improvement in table manners.

The practice on the part of parents and friends of the boys of sending in cooked food in the form of pies and cakes is bad inasmuch as their eating tends to derange digestion and produce illness if the boy is allowed to take it in charge and eat at pleasure, and if it is withheld or sparingly apportioned out then he is dissatisfied and feels himself unkindly treated.

If the basement affords the only place for recreation in stormy weather, some further provision for amusement in so limited quarters would prove of advantage and the gift of suitable reading matter in the form of juvenile papers magazines and books would prove a worthy charity.

The Sabbath is likely to form a weary day to boys thus confined as well as to those having them in charge. The moral instructions given reading, singing, conversations and exercise should be so arranged as to afford frequent change of occupation and the largest variety consistent with a due regard for the sanctity of the day. Owing probably to the shrinkage of the floor the kitchen smells penetrate to the dormitories to an offensive extent possibly to the endangering of health, this defect should be remedied. The wash room and water closet appeared in good condition, and the frequent removal of the discharge from the water pipe is a wise precaution. Whether the pipe from the wash basin is trapped your committee were unable to determine.

All of which is respectfully submitted

W. R. Eaton  
C. A. Hubbard



Quarter Meeting 1888

Surveys accounts being now presented as allowed amount-  
ing (\$14,707.73) to the sum of fourteen thousand, seven hun-  
dred, and seven and seventy three cents, and allowed, and  
ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

Account

\$14,707.73

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medi-  
cal Examiners for views and examinations of the dead  
bodies of strangers and certified to the Treasurer of  
the Commonwealth some thereon amounting to the  
sum of twenty three dollars and sixty cents.

Accounts

\$23.60

Resolutions. April 5. 1888.

Judgment is entered up according to  
reports, and all matters not acted upon are ordered to  
be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without  
day.

Attest

Robert O Morris

Clerk



Commissariat of the Navy

London S.S.

A meeting of the County Linnæan Society  
and held at Springfield within and for the County of  
Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the twelfth  
day of said month, and be adjournment on the third  
day of May, on the nineteenth day of May, on the twentieth  
fourth day of May, and on the seventh day of June on  
the sixth of June 1861 one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty one

29 July 1910  
 Present Leonard Mark Egan, Raymond  
 Lloyd, R. B. R.  
 Henry F. R.

William Lloyd  
by land from  
Southampton

To the Honorable Lady Commissioner for the Land  
at Kaniadra

Collegally represented - said Judge Williams  
telling that he is now under sentence in the House of  
Correction for the County of London for the term of one  
year for the crime of intoxication. That he intends to  
reform and asks that he may be allowed to go at  
large on probation for the remainder of the term of his  
sentence, believing that his future conduct will be  
such as to merit this indulgence.

the 12th meeting, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, continued from meeting 3 meeting 5  
The foregoing petition was introduced at this meeting, and  
now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be  
granted.

Samuel Picot  
for whom for  
House of Correction

To the Honorable Joint Commissioners for the County  
of Hampshire

Respectfully represents your Petitioner Hamble  
Burr of Kelyet in said County that he is now under  
sentence in the House of Correction for the County of Ham-  
den for the crime of drunkenness. That he desires to  
reform and asks that he may be allowed to go at  
large on probation for the remainder of the term of  
his term of sentence believing that his future conduct  
will be such as to merit this privilege



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Agnes E. Burns

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and  
is not on the tenth day of April  
now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition  
be granted

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

James A. Donald  
Pet. for Release from  
House of Correction  
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Respectfully represents your Petitioner, James  
A. Donald of Shungfield in said County that  
he is now under sentence in the House of Correction  
for the County of Hampden for the crime of drunken  
assault. That he intends to reform and asks that  
he may be allowed to go at large on probation for  
the remainder of the term of his sentence, believing  
that his future conduct will be such as to merit  
this leniency.

James A. Donald

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and  
is not on the tenth day of April  
now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be  
granted

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Andrew Ellis  
Pet. for Release from  
House of Correction  
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Respectfully represents your Petitioner,  
Andrew Ellis of Shungfield in said County that  
he is now under sentence in the House of Correction for  
the County of Hampden for the term of two months  
for the crime of vagrancy. That he intends to reform  
and asks that he may be allowed to go at large  
on probation for the remainder of the term of his  
sentence, believing that his future conduct will be such  
as to merit this leniency.

W. F. Galt and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and  
is not on the third day of April  
now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be  
granted



Bartholomew Dyer  
Petitioner for release from  
House of Correction

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To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County  
of Hampden

Respectfully represents your petitioner  
Bartholomew Dyer of Springfield, in said County, that  
he is now under sentence in the House of Correction  
for the County of Hampden for the term of one year  
for the crime of intoxication. That he intends to reform  
and asks that he may be allowed to go at large  
on probation for the remainder of the term of his  
sentence, believing that his future conduct will be such  
as to merit this leniency.

J. P. Dyer and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and  
is not on the third day of trial,  
now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition  
be granted.

Daniel Kennedy  
Petitioner for release from  
House of Correction

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To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County  
of Hampden.

Respectfully represents your petitioner Daniel  
Kennedy of Springfield, in said County, that he is now  
under sentence in the House of Correction for the County of  
Hampden for the term of one year for the crime of in-  
toxication. That he intends to reform and asks that he  
may be allowed to go at large on probation for the  
remainder of the term of his sentence, believing that  
his future conduct will be such as to merit this  
leniency.

John F. Rice and another

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and  
is not on the seventh day of trial,  
now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be  
granted.

County Tax  
Account

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court  
passed at their present session March 31<sup>st</sup> 1861 granting  
a tax of seventy seven thousand dollars (\$77,000) for the  
County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the  
several cities and towns in said County in  
manner following.



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Granville	1269.72	Montgomery	1418.89
Shandfield	481.38	Palmer	1860.16
Springfield	596.28	Superior	411.39
Wright	534.47	Southwick	626.02
Worcester	5777.23	Springfield	59403.21
Granville	429.27	Tolland	232.53
Holland	125.20	Wales	447.16
Worcester	10302.43	Westfield	7100.81
Longmeadow	1359.35	West Springfield	2969.11
Uxbridge	354.47	Willbraham	983.74
Norfolk	1448.78		

And warrants have been issued dated April twelfth  
eighteen hundred and eighty-one, directed to the  
Selectmen of several of the several towns and cities  
aforesaid, directing them to assess the same  
upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and  
cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to  
collect the same, and pay the same to A. Wall  
Judge, Superior County Treasurer, or his successor, on  
or before the fifteenth day of October ensuing, as the  
law directs.

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting  
to the sum of forty eight hundred and fifty three  
dollars and eighty nine cents, and the same are  
ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

Accounts

\$4853.89

(April 21) Contract for finishing the upper story of the  
Tenant School building awarded Chas L. Shaw for \$382.

Contract for finishing  
upper story of Tenant School  
awarded Chas L. Shaw

(May 26) Contract for building the Slop House at the House  
of Correction and Jail is awarded to D. J. Curtis for \$635.

Contract for building Slop House  
awarded D. J. Curtis

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their  
names for damages to lands taken for highways, amount-  
ing to the sum of three hundred and six dollars and  
thirty six cents, and the same are ordered to be paid

Land Damages



from the County Treasury.

For John Felter on Petition of John Bates et al.	\$ 7.10
" Eugene Warner	48.47
" Wm. A. Smith	9.23
" Thomas Donahoe	50.00
" Spencer White	21.37
" Austin Smith & Son	14.90
" Calvin Norton	2.06
" Royal Bulten	24.87
" Joseph Enderston	14.
" Wm. Paylord	4.00
" Abner Abbey	38.77
" Wm. Butler	24.00
" George Johns	13.00
" Quartus Smith	15.00
" Glasgow Manufacturing Co.	2.20
	<u>316.56</u>

Hampton, ss June 7, 1887.

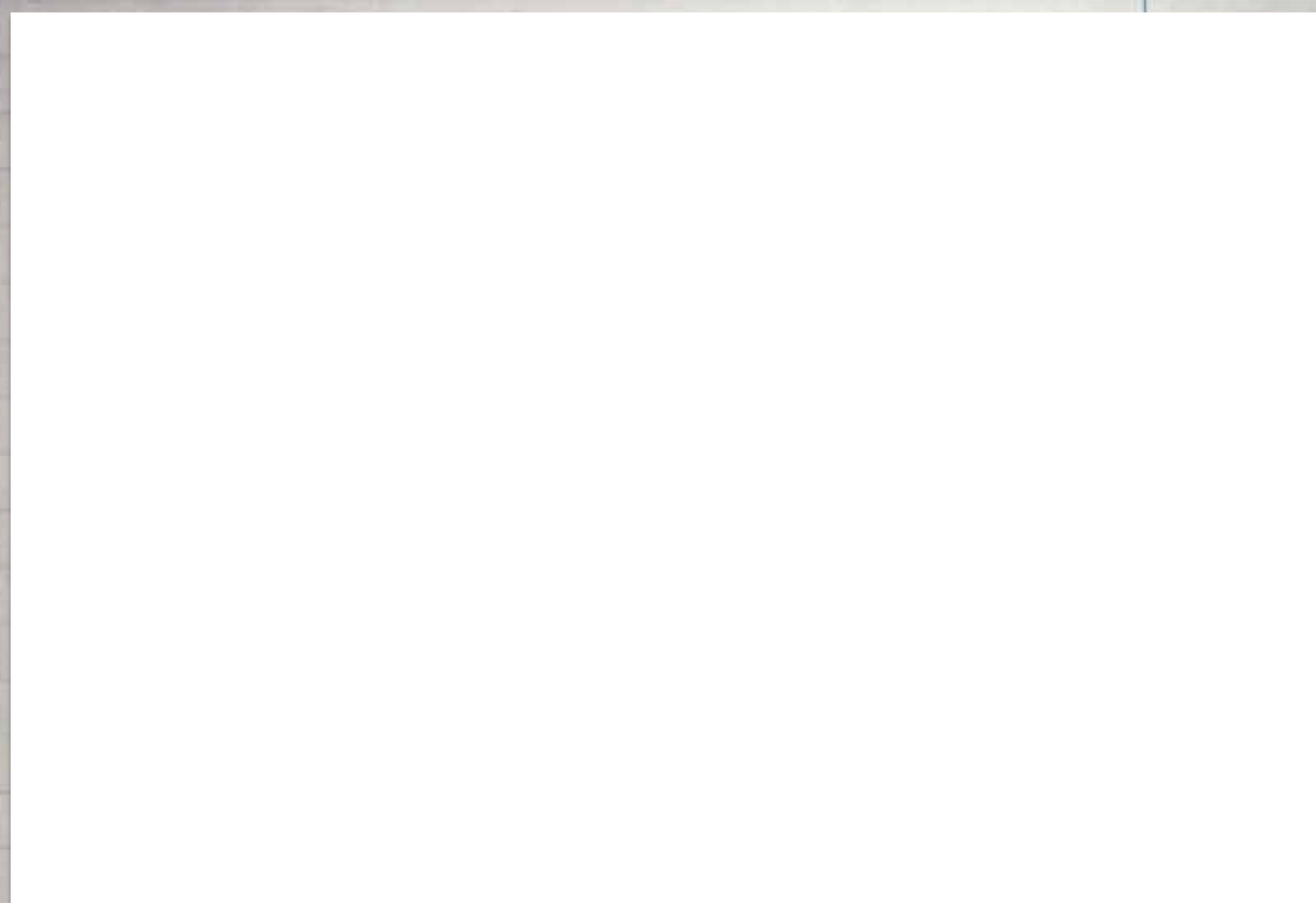
Judgment is entered up according to reports so, and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest.

Robert O Morris

Clerk







Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty eighth day of said month, and by adjournments on the fifth day of July, on the twelfth day of July, on the second twentieth and twenty second days of August, and on the sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Present Leonard Clark Esq. Chairman } County  
 Lewis F. Root } Commissioners  
 Henry A. Chase }

Selectmen of Agawam,  
 Petition for alteration of  
 highway in Agawam.  
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To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, the Selectmen of the town of Agawam, respectfully represent that public convenience and necessity require a change in the location of the highway leading from the House of George E. Tucker to the Southside Bridge, (so called) in the town aforesaid, at a point on a line with and 27 feet East of the North side of Patrick Peto's house, thence to a point on the division line between the Kirkland and school lot, as described in order of Commissioners given to the town aforesaid on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1879. And the undersigned respectfully request your Honorable Board to relocate a route anew as in your judgment public convenience and necessity may require.

Edward L. Bodurtha } Selectmen  
 Edmund Leonard 2<sup>nd</sup> } of  
 J. H. Churchill } Agawam

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, at which meeting, the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Sunday, the twelfth day of July, then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be



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served about the clerk of the town of Agawam, being the town within which such location prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Agawam, said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

Said on the said twelfth day of July the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to have the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted. At the time of said view no person or corporation interested objecting thereto the Commissioners proceeded to locate as follows: commencing at a stone monument in the original survey in line with and twenty seven feet easterly of the north side of Patrick Kelly's house and running North  $46^{\circ}-33'$  E. on the original line 1613 feet instead of 1813 to a stone monument at the south side of W. H. H. Kirkland's land. Then T. 43 East  $87^{\circ} 45'$  feet to a stone monument on the Division line between W. H. H. Kirkland's land & the School house lot, said point being 3 feet westerly from center of large oak tree or 28 feet easterly of a point in said division line in range of easterly side of School house this point is the same as in the original, the alteration being made between this point and the last mentioned one.

The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who presented a desire to be heard thereon, considered and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury, the sum of Fifty Dollars to W. H. H. Kirkland - \$50.00 - the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by him in



consequence of the foregoing relocation. To other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land over which the foregoing relocation of highway is made, are allowed until the first day of August A.D. 1857 to remove their timber, trees and fence therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Apawam cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the fifteenth day of August 1857.

Samuel Clark } County  
Levi F. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

B. H. Warner et al.  
Petition for a new high-  
way in Chester.

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To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Hampshire County -

The undersigned inhabitants of said County and town of Chester respectfully represent that public convenience and necessity require that a Highway or road be laid out and constructed beginning at the highway near the house of Ira O. Bulfinch in said Chester thence Northerly to the Highway leading from Chester to Middlefield. Wherefore your petitioners hereby petition your Honorable Board, to now said premises and authorize the construction of said Highway at as early a date as possible and to authorize such construction or alterations on said line of Highway as your judgment may deem the public convenience and necessity require, and to take all such steps and give such notice and warnings as will enable your Honorable Board to legally authorize the construction or alterations of said Highway.

B. H. Warner and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners helden at Springfield, within and for said County,



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on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty - at which meeting the Commissioners, dismissing a view of the premises, appointed Tuesday the sixteenth day of November then next and two o'clock in the forenoon, at the Chester House, in Chester, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Western Hampshire Times & Free Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said sixteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners continued the consideration of the matter from meeting to meeting until the meeting held on the first day of December A.D. 1886, when said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the tenth day of May then next and two o'clock in the forenoon, at the Chester House in said Chester as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said Highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said Highway in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such cases made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof.) And the matter was continued from meeting to meeting until the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, when the Commissioners met and proceeded to locate as follows commencing at a point on the Northwary line



of Ira J. Burleigh's land and on Westerly side of Highway  
thence running north twenty seven (27°) degrees west one hun-  
dred twenty two and a half feet (122½) to stone monument,  
thence same course three hundred and ninety six feet (396)  
to row fence opposite saw mill thence north eight degrees  
and forty five minutes (84° 45') eighty seven feet (87) to the west-  
erly line of the present highway, with a width of thirty five  
feet (35) on the easterly side of the above described line.

Edward Clark } County  
L. F. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Hall }

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed a-  
mong the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears.  
(And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted,  
and the road established as and for a public highway.

Selectmen of Agawam,  
Petition for relocation of  
highway in Agawam.

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To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of  
Hampden.

The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Agawam,  
humbly represent that public convenience and necessity requires  
that a highway should be located and constructed leading from  
the South End Bridge in said town of Agawam, in a Westerly  
direction, on land of Samuel D. Warner, Edward Warner and  
Henry Blaisdell to the highway which passes from the River road  
so-called, in said town, past the house of the aforesaid Blaisdell,  
to the center road in said town - at a point in said Highway near  
the dwelling house of the aforesaid Blaisdell, and from thence on  
said Highway in a Westerly direction, the aforesaid Highway is narrow  
and crooked in places. As far as the dwelling house of Patrick  
Sharp - therefore your petitioners respectfully pray your Honorable  
Board to view the premises above described, and make such order, lo-  
cation and relocation or locate anew, as you may deem that pub-  
lic necessity requires.

E. H. Bodurtha } Selectmen  
O. Leonard 2<sup>nd</sup> } of  
J. H. Churchill } Agawam.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners, held at Springfield, within and for said County  
on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord



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thousand eight hundred and eighty. At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Saturday the seventh day of May then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Agawan, being the town within which such location prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Agawan said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventh day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hold the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted. At the time of said view no person or corporation interested objecting thereto the Commissioners agreed to locate as follows - commencing at a point in the center of the roadway of the South End Bridge at the face of backwall of the Wastbury Abutment and running South eighty one (81°) degrees West thirteen hundred and forty two (1342) feet to a point twenty five (25) feet South of a stone monument in the Northern line of public highway - said line is a continuation of the center line of said Bridge. The above description is for the center line of Highway, the width being fifty (50) feet.

The following described parcel of land is hereby laid out as a highway commencing at a stone monument in the Northern line of the present Highway (150 feet Easterly of R. L. Blandford Easterly line and running Northward at right angles



to said westerly line of present highway to the southerly line of highway above described - thence westerly on said highway to the southerly line of present highway - thence easterly on said southerly line to place of beginning - And now it is ordered that the said J. P. Agawam cause the road aforesaid, which is within the limits of the said town of Agawam to be worked made and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable and be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps and roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy and clayey character, a top covering of at least ten inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of eighteen feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the side of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of twelve inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of eighteen feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the eighteen feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional width laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and on no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled



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part of the road of eighteen feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the return line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road; they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. On swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable from its weight, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees, where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the travelers. The railing must consist of straight hard pine chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and imbedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eight inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splittings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or posts, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and be close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or



splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workman-  
 like manner, two and a half feet high along the face of the  
 road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base, and fif-  
 teen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may  
 be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it  
 is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes  
 must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support  
 said railing to be firmly and permanently placed in the embank-  
 ment with the interior or inside thereof not less than feet  
 within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without, in  
 any manner obstructing or interfering with said right-of-way for  
 the traveled part of the road. Where the sides of embankments  
 are constructed or secured with substantial, well laid stone walls  
 instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the ma-  
 terials can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of  
 structure will be required) said walls must be battered back to-  
 wards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of  
 two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being  
 perpendicular; the road must be worked to no greater width than  
 twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to fur-  
 nish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear  
 of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid.  
 All bridges must be constructed with substantial well laid stone  
 abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top cov-  
 ering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other  
 good material, and a covering of the road of twelve inches in ad-  
 dition; except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each ex-  
 ceed three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good  
 chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered  
 with plank the top of the planking must be at grade and a  
 stick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside  
 and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly  
 imbedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edge of  
 the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to  
 and from said bridge. All bridges must be made twenty four  
 feet long, measured at right angles with the direction of the road  
 and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three  
 feet, and to the width of not less than eighteen feet between  
 the railings clear of all obstructions. All necessary sluice-ways  
 must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured  
 in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone sides, or a



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butments not less than two feet apart, and eighteen inches high, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be covered twelve inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge; and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling-house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building, in the best shape for placing in a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect, otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto; provided however when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling-house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing, (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or saved beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruit they yield or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of the said crossings intersections or connections that with as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. Roads in no case to exceed two and a half feet to the hundred.

The County Commissioners having heard all persons and



corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, considered and adjudged that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of twenty five dollars to Rodney Plausell - 25.00 the sum of two hundred and eighteen dollars to Edward A. Warriner - 218.00 and the sum of four hundred dollars to Samuel D. Warriner - 400.00, the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing location. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land over which the foregoing location of highway is made are allowed until the first day of August A. D. 1857, to remove their timber, trees, and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Aquandine cause the foregoing location of highway to be made constructed and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of November, A. D. 1857.

Edward Clark } County  
 Lewis J. Boy } Commissioners  
 Henry A. Chase }

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered and accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

Selectmen of Montgomery  
 Petition for discontinuance  
 of highway in Mont-  
 gomery

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
 The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Montgomery in said County, being instructed so to do by a vote of that town passed at a meeting legally warned and held on the fourth day of April A. D. 1857, respectfully represent that the "Grant Road" (so called) leading from the house of Warren R. Holcomb in said Montgomery to the point where it intersects the new highway recently constructed by order of the County Commissioners, has been practically superseded and rendered unnecessary for purposes of public travel by the construction of said new highway, and that the interests of the town require that it should be discontinued. They, therefore, respectfully request your Honorable Board to



now the premises, and make such orders and decrees in relation to the discontinuance of the said Grant road, as law and justice may require.

Montgomery April 12. 1871.

R. H. Cook } Selectmen  
H. S. Stiles } of  
G. L. Moore } Montgomery

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the twenty fourth day of May then next and two o'clock in the forenoon at the Russell Depot in Russell as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Montgomery, being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Montgomery, said towns and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Western Hampshire Times and Home Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty fourth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the same ought to be discontinued and no person objecting thereto did then and there adjudge that the same be discontinued. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire



to be heard thereon consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Fifty Dollars to Horace J. Morse \$50.00, the sum of One Dollar to Eliza Clark \$1.00 and the sum of five Dollars to David L. Allen \$5.00 and the sum of ten Dollars to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Holcomb \$10.00, the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing discontinuance. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damage and in the opinion of the Commissioners none other being entitled to damage, none other are awarded. And now the said Commissioners make return of their proceedings and adjudications and the same is accepted.

Lyndard Black }  
L. F. Root } County  
Horace J. Morse } Commissioners

And now the said report is returned and accepted and it is ordered that said highway be discontinued.

Michael David Pitt.  
for release from House  
of Correction.  
63.

To the Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Mass.  
Entomum. We, the undersigned, residents of the village of Cheshire Falls, in the Town of Uxbridge, respectfully petition your board to discharge from the House of Correction Michael David who is now serving a four months sentence for drunkenness.

Yours R. Wood and others.  
The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and more to wit on the twenty eighth day of June it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Hugh Burns Pet. for  
release from the House  
of Correction.  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Respectfully represent your petitioners, inhabitants of Westfield in said County that Hugh Burns that Hugh Burns of said Westfield is now serving out a sentence in the House of Correction of six months for the crime of drunkenness, that said Burns is sick, and that they believe that were he at liberty he refrain from the use of intoxicating liquors they therefore request that you would issue to said Burns a permit to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.  
Westfield, June 1st, 1877.

Thos. Burns Jr. and others



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The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now to wit on the twenty eighth day of June it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Respectfully represent the undersigned that in their opinion  
Jesse P. Dixon now confined in the House of Correction in  
said County for drunkenness, would if permitted to return to  
his home go to work and earn something towards the support  
of his wife and four children and also refrain for the remain-  
der of his sentence from intoxicating liquors. They therefore re-  
spectfully request that you would grant him a permit to be  
at liberty.  
Westfield, June 28th, 1887.  
J. P. Dixon, Jr. and others.

Jesse P. Dixon. Pte  
for release from House  
of Correction.  
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The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now, to wit on the twenty eighth day of June it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To The Honorable Board of Commissioners for the Co. of  
Hampden - Gentlemen:

We whose names are herewith annexed most  
respectfully ask your consideration of the case of Michael Mur-  
phy, who is now and has been for several weeks an inmate of  
the Hampden Co. Jail serving a sentence of four months, imposed  
by the Superior Police Court, for drunkenness. The said Mi-  
chael Murphy is an honorably discharged soldier and also a pen-  
sioner in consequence of wounds received in the service. We ask  
his pardon on account of his pledges to reform, and also on ac-  
count of a wife and children who are mainly dependant on him  
for support. We pray for his release on behalf of his family  
who have the respect and sympathy of the Community in which  
they reside and who would, and who would in after years feel  
heavily the disgrace of having the husband and father dis an in-  
mate of the common prison.

Michael Murphy. Pte  
for release from House  
of Correction.  
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John Dixon and others.  
The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now it is or-  
dered that the prayer of the petition be granted.



William Ashton. Pet.  
for release from House  
of Correction.

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Ludlow, Mass. May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1877.  
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners.

We, the undersigned desiring the release of Wm Ashton do hereby petition your Honorable Board to release the above on probation.

G. A. Ashton and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Patrick Egan. Pet. for  
release from House of  
Correction.

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To the County Commissioners in and for the County of Hampden.  
Respectfully represents the petitioners, residents of the city of Holyoke, that Patrick Egan of said Holyoke was convicted of the third offence of drunkenness before the Police Court of Holyoke on the fourteenth day of May A. D. 1876, and sentenced by said Court to six months imprisonment in the County Jail at Springfield - That said Egan was committed to said jail and is now serving said sentence - Your petitioners respectfully represent that said Egan's wife is sick and requires the support of her husband to keep her from becoming a pauper - That in the opinion of your petitioners said Egan has received sufficient punishment and will abstain from strong drink if released - Wherefore your petitioners pray that said Egan may be discharged from further imprisonment and discharged under the statutes in such cases made and provided. Respectfully submitted.

Jerry Doody and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

James Hart. Pet. for  
release from House of  
Correction.

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To the Honorable Commissioners of the County of Hampden & Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Your petitioners respectfully represent that James Hart was sentenced to the County Jail on the latter part of the month of March and that under said confinement they are informed & believe that the said Hart has conducted himself and given evidence of a thorough and honest reformation of his future conduct and habits that he promises to abstain from all and every kind of intoxicating liquors that he will, with God's help



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avoid any occasion which might in any way induce him to drink; that <sup>he will</sup> ~~he will~~ by every act and effort endeavor to prove himself worthy of the esteem and confidence of the community; and so strive at all times to blot out the record of the fact by leading in future such a life of sobriety, temperance, and conduct himself as not only to merit the esteem but <sup>also</sup> the respect of the Honorable Commissioners, as well as the people among whom he lives. In view therefore of the said representations, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board the Commissioners of Hampden County to pardon out the same Hart from the further service of his sentence for which we would now pray.

A. S. Buckland and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden respectfully represents that Robert Flynn who is confined in the House of Correction in said County, as a common drunkard, and has now served one month of the sentence of eight months is the principal support of his Mother, sister and brother, we pray that he may be pardoned as we believe him to be a fit subject for your clemency as he is now reformed having taken the total abstinence pledge for two years.

P. Flynn and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now, to wit on the sixth day of September it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

August second, Contract for a new boiler at the Jail and House of Correction awarded to John Ragh for Two Hundred and Ninety Two Dollars

Contract for New Boiler at Jail and House of Correction awarded to John Ragh

August twentieth, Contract for altering the Boiler at the Court House awarded to John Ragh for Seven Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars

Contract for altering Boiler at Court House awarded to John Ragh



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Order for establishment  
of County Seal

Hampden ss

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a meeting of the County Commissioners held  
at Springfield in said County, on the Sixth day of September,  
in the year 1871 Present

Levi Black Esq. Chairman } County  
Levi T. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

Ordered - That the seal which has been prepared for that  
purpose, an impression from which, being a fac-simile thereof,  
is made on the margin of this order - be, and  
hereby is established as the seal of said County

Seal

Levi Black } County  
Levi T. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

Land Damage

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their  
names for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to  
the sum of One Hundred and Two Dollars and the same are  
ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

To Horace T. Moore on petition of the Selectmen of Montgomery	\$ 0.50
" Eliza Cook	1.00
" Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hunt	10.00
" David L. Allen	5.00
" W. H. Richards	Agawam 15.00
" Mrs. Sarah Cook	John D. Gallup et al. 17.00
" Levi T. Whitman	7.00
	<u>106.00</u>

Acceptance of highway  
on petition of Jackson  
Body et al

The County Commissioners having received and carefully examined  
throughout the highway in Ludlow, located and ordered upon the  
petition of Jackson Body et al., and having found the same  
well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the  
Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted

Additional Land Damage

In the matter of the petition of Jackson Body et al., an addi-  
tional sum of Fifty Dollars is allowed to them for land dam-  
age - June 28<sup>th</sup> 1871



The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Ex-  
aminer for nine and sixpence of the dead bodies of strangers  
and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth that there is  
amounting to the sum of one hundred twenty seven dollars and  
eighty cents.

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Accounts

\$127.80

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, amounting  
to the sum of ten thousand four hundred seventy three dol-  
lars and forty four cents, and the same are ordered to be  
paid from the County Treasury.

\$10473.44

Hampden, co. September 6<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Judgment is entered up according to reports, &c.  
and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be con-  
tinued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Robert O. Morris Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, being the fourth day of said month, and by adjournment on the first day of November, and by adjournment on the sixth day of December, and on the ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

Frederic Leonard Clark, Esq., Chairman } County  
Lewis F. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

Q. B. Smith et al. Pet. To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
for relocation of high-way in Palmer

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Ex Plan of this high-way, see Book of Plans Page 1

The undersigned being five or more of the inhabitants of the town of Palmer in said County hereby make application to you to locate anew that part of the county road leading from Duckville to Palmer Depot which lies between Wurdock Brothers store and the ice house of Rufus A. Bond near Billy Pond and in said Palmer and for such other orders and decrees in the premises as to your honorable board may seem meet and proper.  
Palmer Mass May 3 1881

Q. B. Smith and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the twenty first day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the Boston Duck Company, in Duckville, in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer being the town within which such relocation prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing



a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty first day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted. And said Commissioners continued the further consideration of this matter from meeting to meeting to this meeting, held on this fourth day of October, A.D. 1891, and now, as at the time of said view, no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners proceed to relocate said highway as follows: Beginning at a stone bound about 11 feet west of Northwest corner of Peter Southwick's house thence N. 26° 48' E. 30 rods to a stone bound thence N. 48° 40' E. 7 rods 7/8 links to a stone bound at the intersection of the easterly side of South Main street with the southerly side of State street and 57 <sup>21</sup>/<sub>10</sub> feet northerly from corner date stone of Catholic church. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this relocation of highway. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Palmer cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of December, A.D. 1891. The owners of land over which the foregoing relocation of highway is made, are allowed until October 15<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1891 to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom.



Leonard Black }  
Lewis F. Root } County  
Henry A. Shaw } Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appear. And now, the said report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

The New Haven & North-  
ampton Co. Pet. for al-  
teration of highways in  
Sudbury

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners of the  
County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents your petitioner the New Haven & North-  
ampton Company, a railroad corporation, that there are in  
the town of Sudbury in said County certain highways to  
wit: one known as the Powder Mill road, passing the dwell-  
ing house of F. Legate easterly to the Long Yard road, so  
called - another, known as the Long Yard road running  
from East street, so called, in a southeasterly direction past  
its intersection with Powder Mill road to the brook that both  
said highways are crooked and otherwise inconvenient for  
travel and that the common convenience and necessity  
require said highways to be straightened and otherwise  
altered and changed from said F. Legates house to Long  
Yard road and from east street to said brook. Your  
petitioner further represents that the common convenience  
and necessity require that certain portions of said East  
street at and in the vicinity of the Railroad crossing be  
discontinued. It therefore prays that after due proceedings  
had such straightenings, alterations, changes and discon-  
tinuances may be ordered and decreed in the premises  
as to your honorable Board shall seem meet.

New Haven & Northampton Company  
By Chas. H. Yeaman Esq.  
C. H. & Stevens

Attorneys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for  
said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.



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at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday the ninth day of September next and twelve o'clock noon, at the Depot of the New Haven and Northampton Company in Southwick as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Southwick being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Southwick said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Western Hampshire Times and News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said ninth day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that so much of said petition as relates to the "Long Yard road" be granted and that such alteration will not essentially injure the way. At the time of view no person or corporation interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners on this fourth day of October 1879, do proceed to locate said alteration as follows: - Commencing at the southerly side of stone monument on the Northerly side of present highway at its intersection with the division line between lands of Annie Cary and A. J. Weatherby thence running South 15° East a distance of 191 feet in the present highway to a stone monument in the westerly line of the location of the New Haven and Northampton Company, thence South 45 1/4° East 97 feet on said location in the present highway to a stone monument thence South 73° East 123 feet to a stone



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monument. The road to be three rods wide. The above described line is for the Northerly line of said change. The Southerly face of the Northerly abutment of the bridge of the New Haven and Northampton Rail Road over said highway shall be at least forty three feet from the Northerly face of the Southerly abutment of said bridge on the South side of the canal. The space between the traveled way and the bridge shall be at least twelve feet in the clear, and the road way shall be at least twenty feet wide. A suitable fence shall be constructed along the canal. Variation of Needle 10° West of North. And now it is ordered that the said town of Southwick cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Southwick to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be <sup>thoroughly</sup> ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stumps, stumps, and roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed, not of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least ten inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 18 feet for the traveled part of the road. When the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam four inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of eight inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 12 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 18 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches, so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 18 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional



widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 18 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty-four degrees, or two and one-half feet slope to one foot rise to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road; they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable, from its weight, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made partly by embankment, and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty-five degrees; where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler; the railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and imbedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed



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or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eight inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splicing of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or joints, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without, in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 18 feet for the traveled part of the road. When the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial, well-laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required, said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendicular, the road must be worked to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well-laid stone abutments and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a crowning of the road of 1/2 inches in addition, except the span <sup>if the road</sup> or arches of a bridge, each exceed three feet in the clear when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch plank. When over a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber ten inches



on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All bridges must be made twenty-four feet long, measured at right angles with the direction of the road, and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet, and to the width of not less than 18 feet between the railings clear of all obstructions. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone sides, or abutments not less than two feet apart, and 18 inches high, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crossed 12 inches in addition. The owner of land over which said road is located, retains the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridges, and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owner, their heirs or assigns, in good repair and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling-house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building, in the best shape for placing in a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect; otherwise to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto, provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling-house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing. In such case no railing can be allowed and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly



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in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or  
reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over  
which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield,  
or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent,  
are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and  
safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered  
that all other roads crossing intersecting or connecting with the  
road aforesaid be or raised or lowered and so widened at  
the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections  
therewith, as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the  
traveler. The County Commissioners having heard all persons  
and corporations interested in relation to the question of dam-  
ages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and  
adjudge that there shall be paid the sum of Thirty Dollars to  
James Mahon \$30.00, the same being in full compensation  
for all damages sustained by him in consequence of the  
foregoing alteration. J. F. Pot being disqualified, Ira J.  
Potter was called in and acted in his stead. And it is  
further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said  
town of Southwick cause the foregoing alteration of high-  
way to be made, constructed, and completed, to the accept-  
ance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day  
of July, A.D. 1882. The owners of land over which the fore-  
going alteration of highway is made are allowed until Oc-  
tober 30<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1881, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and  
fences therefrom. And it is ordered by said Commissioners  
that the New Haven and Northampton Rail Road Company  
pay all damages occasioned by the foregoing alteration.

Leonard Clark  
Henry A. Chase } County  
Ira J. Potter Special } Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners, filed  
among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears.  
And now, the said report being read and considered, is  
accepted, and the road established as and for a public  
highway



To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the ninth day of May eighteen hundred and eighty-one, John Stapleton of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County by the Superior Court for the term of nine months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said John Stapleton has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a permit to the said John Stapleton to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

J. F. Ballanant and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fourth day of October, it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent and petition the following citizens of Chicopee that Thomas Scanlon of Chicopee was sentenced in the Police Court of Chicopee on the fifteenth day of June last past to six months in the House of Correction for the crime of drunkenness. That since said fifteenth day of June he has been in confinement in said House of Correction and is now there. He has a family consisting of a wife, and four children between the ages of eleven years, and ten months dependent upon him for their support, his wife not being able at present to work at all by reason of the sickness of her baby. Mr. Scanlon has never acquired a settlement in Chicopee and the overseers of the Poor cannot give his wife any material assistance here. Under these circumstances, and because we believe that if Mr. Scanlon is now released from custody, he will go to work and support his family, and because of the extremity and necessity of his family we hereby petition your honorable Board to mitigate the said sentence of said Scanlon as much as lies in your power, and to release him from custody as soon as the same may be done under the statutes of our Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

Chicopee August 31. 1887.

Geo. W. Bray and others

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John Stapleton Petr.  
for release from House  
of Correction

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Thomas Scanlon  
Petr. for release from  
House of Correction

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The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fourth day of October, it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Eugene Broderick  
Pet. for release from  
House of Correction

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May eighteen hundred and eighty-one Edward Broderick of Holyoke in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Holyoke for the term of 6 months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said Edward Broderick has reformed.  
Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board, issue a Permit to the said Edward Broderick to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Rufus Mosher and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fourth day of October, it is ordered, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Acceptance of highway  
on petition of Chas.  
L. Gardner

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout, the highway in Palmer, located and ordered upon the petition of Chas. L. Gardner. (Finished June Meeting, 1873,) and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway  
on petition of Charles  
L. Gardner et al.

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout, the highway in Palmer, located and ordered upon the petition of Chas. L. Gardner and others. (Finished Dec. Meeting, 1877,) and having found the same well made, constructed, and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.



Voted, That the County Treasurer be authorized to transfer from the Sinking Fund to his account as County Treasurer the sum of forty thousand dollars.

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County Treasurer authorized to transfer from Sinking Fund

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
The undersigned represent, that the old "Kings Highway" running from Connecticut River near the dwelling house of Frederick Somis in West Springfield to near the house of Noadiah Smith, is deficient in boundary, and the abutters thereon, are unable to determine their lines upon said highway. Also that another old highway, crossing the above, is crooked and partly undefined, beginning at the Westfield Road near Pittineague, and running Northerly to the Amherst Road, near the River, and of the Aqueduct Company; and that public convenience and necessity require that the lines of said two highways be clearly defined; they therefore request, and petition you to view and establish said boundaries.

P. J. O'Reilly et al.  
Pet. for relocation of highway in West Springfield

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For Plan of this highway see Book of Plans - Pages 5, 6 & 7

West Springfield July 9<sup>th</sup> 1881  
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, at which meeting, the Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the thirteenth day of September then next and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Old Congregational Church, in West Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave



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notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirtieth day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted and the further consideration of the matter was continued to the next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this ninth day of December, 1881, and at the time of said view, no person interested objecting thereto, the Commissioners proceed to locate as follows, to wit: Beginning the King's Highway relocation at a granite monument set in the ground, on the westerly side of the highway leading over "Vothodox Hill" and opposite the Congregational Church on said Hill, and running thence on the northerly, or right hand side of the highway location as follows: South seventy one degree West, seventy and one half feet to a granite monument, near the south easterly corner of the dwelling house of Benjamin Bolton, thence South seventy eight degrees West two hundred fifty nine and three fourths feet to a granite monument in the south easterly corner of Benjamin A. Bolton's house lot, the highway at the commencement being eighty two feet in width, and at the close of the second curve, is reduced to sixty six feet in width, and continues sixty six feet wide throughout the location, thence South seventy nine and a quarter degree West, ten hundred and sixty three feet to a granite monument by land of Charles Ely, at the mouth of the Amoretown road, the opposite or southerly line of the location being a right line from the commencement to the close of the curve last described, thence crossing the mouth of the Amoretown road in an oblique manner, south fifty and a quarter degree west three hundred sixty nine and a half feet to a granite monument standing near an Elm Tree on land of Samuel A. Mosely; thence South



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ffty six and a quarter degree West two hundred ninety five and a half feet to a granite monument near a Maple Tree on the dividing line between land of said Tronkey, and of Daniel Mc Cann, thence South ffly six and a half degree West six hundred and seventy nine feet to a granite monument in the easterly line of the Piper road, and marking the south westerly corner of said Mc Cann's house lot, thence crossing the Piper road, South, sixty three and three quarters degree West, four hundred thirty one and a half feet to a granite monument on the dividing line of lands of Mat. Lee Lyons and James Mc Cartty, thence South sixty six and a half degree West one hundred feet to a granite monument on the dividing line of lands of said Mc Cartty and John Quinn, thence South seventy three and a half degree West, one hundred and ffly feet to a granite monument at the summit of the hill; thence South eighty eight and one fourth degree West, ten hundred and ffly seven feet to a granite monument marking the South westerly corner of the Catholic Cemetery, thence South eighty six and one half degree West, eighteen hundred thirty nine feet to a granite monument; thence North eighty eight and a quarter degree West four hundred ninety five and a half feet to a granite monument in the southeasterly corner of Edward Dahms homestead, it being the south easterly corner of land conveyed by the town of West Springfield to Levi Ely, and a point marked in the survey of the Westfield road made by the county in 1865, and the last course above described affects only the northerly limit of the width of the Kings Highway, as it is blended with the survey of the Westfield road, and is here merged therein. The beginning the relocation of the Piper Road is called at a granite monument set in the ground, on the northerly line of the Westfield road as relocated by the County in 1865, at a point one hundred and ffly two feet easterly of a granite monument, marking the intersection of said Westfield road with the old Piper road, and also marking the south easterly corner of Clark B. Hall's land, and running thence on the easterly or right hand side of the location as now made, North two degrees and ten minutes West, eighteen hundred eighty seven and one half feet to a granite monument, thence North four



degrees and ten minutes East, two hundred ninety three and one half feet, to a granite monument on the southerly line of the Kings Highway; thence for the Paper road is located one hundred feet in width, westerly of the line described, thence across said highway. North six and a half degrees East, eighty six and three fourths feet to a granite monument on the northerly line of said Kings highway, thence North, one degree East, seven hundred ninety and a half feet to a granite monument on the southerly line of the Ametown road, this course indicates the Easterly line and the highway is located sixty six feet wide throughout; and the westerly line is extended to intersect the curve line of said Ametown road. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this location of highway. The owners of land, over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the first day of April, A. D. 1882, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fence therefrom. And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the said town of West Springfield cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of July, A. D. 1882.

Leonard Clark }  
L. F. Root } County  
Henry A. Shaw } Commissioners.

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

The New Haven & Northampton Co. Pet. for alteration of crossing in Southwick

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
The Directors of the New Haven & Northampton Company - a railroad corporation - represent that they are of opinion that it is necessary for the security or convenience of the public that an alteration should be made



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in their railroad crossing of the highway on East street near their Depot in Southwick in said County - or in the approaches thereto or in the method of such crossing - by causing said highway to pass under their railroad tracks - or otherwise. They therefore make application hereby to your Board to take such action in the premises as the law prescribes.

The Directors of the New Haven & Northampton Co.  
By Chas. W. Gammon Pres.

Gilllett & Stevens

Attorneys

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, where the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the tenth day of November next, and twelve o'clock noon, at the Depot of the New Haven and Northampton Company, in Southwick, as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Southwick, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and hearing; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and hearing, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view and hearing. And on the said tenth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and hear the parties, and having viewed the same, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then continued the consideration of the matter to the next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until the ninth day of December, 1887, when said Commissioners do decree and determine that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration



should be made in the method of said crossing and prescribe the manner and limits within which it shall be made as follows, to wit: The grades to be separated by lowering the highway seven and one half feet  $7\frac{1}{2}$  below the base of rail at its present grade, the grades are to start ten (10) feet from the centre of the easterly and westerly tracks the grade westerly shall run out on a level, the grade easterly on the road leading to Powder Mill shall be an ascending grade of three degrees, from the fork of the road leading to Powder Mill with the road leading toward Edwin Gilbert driveway and saw mill the last mentioned road may be an ascending grade of four degrees, and between the fork of road to Powder Mill and the road to saw mill it shall be suitably graded for travel. At the intersection of the grades of the road leading from the bridge to the saw mill and the long yard road the summit shall be graded level for a distance of ten (10) feet. The road between the abutments shall be suitably drained within the limits of the highway. Provided with suitable railing where necessary said railing to be  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet above grade of road. The opening to be 12 feet from the bottom of guide to the grade of highway and the abutments to be 10 feet apart at the grade of highway. The road to be worked 20 feet wide exclusive of ditches, with suitable slopes on the sides. The whole to be completed Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1893.

L. F. Root being disqualified, Ira S. Potter, Special Commissioner, was called in and acted in his stead. The New Haven and Northampton Rail Road Company agreeing to pay all damages arising by reason of the foregoing alterations, none are estimated.

Leonard Clark	} County Commissioner.
Henry A. Chase	
Ira S. Potter	

All of which, by the report of said Commissioner filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears.

Accounts.

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers, and certified to the Treasurer of the Com-



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monrall's item thereon amounting to the sum of sixty six dollars and forty cents.

\$66.40

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, amounting to the sum of eleven thousand four hundred forty nine dollars and eighty nine cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

\$11449.69

Harford Co. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Judgment is entered up according to reports so, and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Robert O Morris

Clerk.



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty seventh day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Present, Leonard Clark, Chairman

Lewis F. Root

Henry A. Chase

} County

} Commissioners

And by adjournments on the fourth, seventeenth and thirty first day of January, on the seventh and eighth days of February, on the seventh day of March on the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Present, Leonard Clark, Chairman

Lewis F. Root

Henry A. Chase

} County

} Commissioners

Lewis F. Root, Esquire, of Holyoke, having been declared by the Board of Examiners elected County Commissioners for the term of three years, and having then duly sworn, appears on the said fourth day of January, and the board, consisting of Leonard Clark, Lewis F. Root and Henry A. Chase, Esquires, proceed to the choice of a chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three, of which Leonard Clark has two, and is chosen Chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.



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To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Cornelius Long  
for petitioner

Respectfully represents Cornelius Long of Palmer in said County that the Springfield, Ashd and North Eastern Rail Road Company, a railroad corporation duly established by law has occasioned damage to your petitioner by laying out making and maintaining its railroad through the land of your petitioner lying in said Palmer, between the highway leading from Duckville to Chicopee on the North, and the Chicopee river on the South, which damages have never been paid for by said company. Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays your Honorable body to estimate and assess said damages and to order said corporation to construct and maintain such embankments, drains, culverts, walls, fences, passes, ways or other structures as you judge reasonable and proper for the security and benefit of your petitioner, and to make such other orders in the premises as law and equity require.

April 11, 1874

Cornelius Long

By L. L. Gardner, his Atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1874, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden -  
The subscribers respectfully represent that the Public Commission for relocation of highway -  
quits that the Highway in the town of Southwick over what is called East Street, leading from the Hotel called Union House to the Depot of the Ashd & Northampton R.R. should be relaid & defined - They therefore request your honorable body at some early and convenient day to make a view of the premises & to relaid said highway & define its bounds.

J. A. Stike and others  
for relocation of highway  
in Southwick

Southwick May 1875

J. A. Stike and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eight hundred and seventy five, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday



the twenty eighth day of September then next, at eleven o'clock  
 in the forenoon at Hunt's Hotel in Southwick, as the time  
 and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said  
 petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Southwick  
 being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, ten-  
 ty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and  
 also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance  
 thereof to be posted in two public places in Southwick, said  
 town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing  
 a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in  
 the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said  
 County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having  
 been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said  
 view and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave  
 notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the  
 petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for com-  
 mencing said view. And on the said twenty eighth day of Septem-  
 ber the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and  
 proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the  
 further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meet-  
 ing of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the  
 fourth day of March then next, at which meeting the parties  
 were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to  
 consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and af-  
 ter considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that com-  
 mon convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said  
 petition should be granted as by the report in writing of said  
 view and adjudication on file appears. The Commissioners there-  
 upon appointed Monday the twenty fourth day of April then  
 next and eleven o'clock in the forenoon at Hunt's Hotel in said  
 Southwick as the time and place when and where they would meet  
 and proceed to locate anew, and the said Commissioners having  
 given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed  
 for the relocation in the same manner as the notice and publi-  
 cation was given and made, and as it by law in such case made  
 and provided, and this petition was continued from meeting to  
 meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



December Meeting 1875  
J. S. Ferry (Ex. J. J.)

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
Robert A. Felt of Springfield in said County respectfully represents that the City Council of said Springfield by an order passed on the twenty fourth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and seventy four caused certain changes to be made in the grade of Lyman Street, one of the streets of said city. And the said Ferry further represents that at that time and ever since the work and still is the owner of a certain tract of land in said Springfield, bounded Northerly by said Lyman Street, Easterly by a twelve foot passage way in which he has a right of way, Southerly by land of Amasa May, and Westerly by land now or lately of Timothy Donovan - that by said change in the grade of said Street, said tract of land and a certain house of the petitioner situate thereon are greatly impaired in value, and damaged. Yet the said City Council has only allowed the said Ferry twenty five dollars for said damages, which sum is wholly inadequate as a compensation. He therefore prays that he may have a jury to award him reasonable and proper damages therefor.

June 1st, 1875

R. S. Ferry

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at said Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy five when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, at the Court House, in Springfield aforesaid on Tuesday the third day of August next, at ten o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner send a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be sent upon the City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said third day of August, that she may appear and be heard upon said petition, and at said June meeting the respondent appeared by their attorney A. L. Soule and filed their answer, viz: "The City of Springfield comes and says that the petition aforesaid should be dismissed, because the petitioner did not file his petition for compensation for his damages, if any, sustained on his property by the change of grade of Lyman Street, with the Mayor and Alderman of said Springfield after the commencement of the work of changing said grade and within the year from the completion of said work, and because said petition does not allege the filing of such petition with the Mayor and Alderman."



And the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to order a jury under said petition. And on the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued and the Commissioners appointed Mr. B. Whitney Esq. to preside over the jury, and the petition was continued from meeting to meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

William C. Morse.  
(Pet. for a jury)  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden respectfully represents the undersigned William C. Morse of Westfield in the County of Hampden that the County Commissioners of said County on the twenty first day of July A.D. 1874 located & laid out a Highway through the lands of said petitioner situate in said Westfield in Pochassic School District & said Highway so far as located in said lands in said petitioner is described as follows, viz: - commencing at a stone monument on the northerly side of Pochassic road on land & homestead of said petitioner, then running South one half of said Morse 45 to a point in the center opposite a stone wall and near a large elm tree marked, then South 350 feet to a point opposite a stone, then South opposite said Morse land 350 feet. then to land of Benjamin Morse, said road 38 rods wide, and said Commissioners awarded your petitioner no damage. And your petitioner feeling aggrieved at the action of said Commissioners in awarding him no damage in locating said Highway through said lands hereby appeals to your Honorable Board for a jury to try the matter of said petitioner & to assess him adequate damages for said location and injury to said lands.

Wm C. Morse.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held <sup>at Springfield</sup> on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy five, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Spf. Octob. 1874 R.R. Co.  
(Pet. for a jury)  
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The City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden -  
The Springfield North and Northeastern Railroad Company respectfully represents that on the twenty fourth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and seventy four, the City Council of the City of Springfield caused certain alterations to be made in Lyman Street and



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of the streets of said city by changing very extensively the grade of said street. That your petitioner was then and still is the owner of two lots of land situate upon said street - one of said lots bounded Northerly by said Lyman street, Easterly by Spring Street, Southerly by land of Samuel Harris and Westerly by an owner unknown - the other lot bounded Southerly by said Lyman street, Easterly and Westerly by Amagash Mavor and Northerly by the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation - that by said alteration and change of grade the said lots have been greatly damaged and the value thereof impaired - And the said City Council have allowed said petitioner only about the sum of four hundred dollars damages as a compensation therefor - and although the same is entirely inadequate as compensation and the petitioner has applied to said city to said allowance and award the petitioner a further sum for said damages - yet the said City Council has refused and neglected so to do. By means of all which the said Springfield, North and Northeastern Railroad Company being aggrieved, pray your Board that a warrant may issue for a jury to determine and award the petitioner just and reasonable damages - Dated the seventh day of August in the year eighteen hundred and seventy five.

Springfield North and Northeastern Railroad Co.

By Willis Phelps, Pet.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and <sup>at said Springfield</sup> held on the fourth Tuesday of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy five where it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the seventh day of September next, at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said seventh day of September, that they may appear and be heard upon said petition. And at said June meeting the respondents appeared by their attorney A. L. Soule, and filed their answer, viz: - "The City of Springfield comes and says that the said petition ought to be dismissed because the petitioner did not file their petition with the Mayor and Alderman of this city for compensation for the damage of any which it sustains in its property by the change of grade of said Lyman Street - and the said petition does not allege that said was filed with said Mayor and Alderman - And these



Commissioners have no jurisdiction to order a jury on said petition. And on the twelfth day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued and the Commissioners appointed M. B. Whitney to preside over the jury, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

The First Baptist Society  
of Springfield  
vs.  
City of Springfield  
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To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.  
Respectfully represents your Petitioner - The First Baptist Society of Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts that it is the owner of a tract of land situated at the corner of Main Street and Harrison Avenue in said Springfield and bounded westerly by Main Street - Northerly by land of O. H. Greenleaf and R. V. Timbany - Easterly by land now or formerly of D. J. and Southerly by Harrison Avenue. And your petitioner avers that the City of Springfield by its city Council, on the 29th day of September A. D. 1874 laid out and established Harrison Avenue as a public highway over and upon a portion of said land - and neglected and refused to award your petitioner any damage for the land so taken. And your petitioner avers that it has sustained damage to its said land by the laying out of said way as aforesaid and prays that after due proceedings had in the premises, a jury may be summoned to estimate and determine the same.  
Springfield Sept 2nd 1875

First Baptist Society

By Leonard & Wells Attys

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and <sup>at said Springfield</sup> holden on the first Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-five, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House, in Springfield aforesaid, on Tuesday the fifth day of October next, at ten o'clock A. M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon the City of Springfield fourteen days at least before the said fifth day of October, that they may appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Thompson-

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Albert Burlough Petitioner  
1st of dam

Respectfully represents Albert Burlough of Palmer in said  
county that he is the owner of a certain tract of land situate in  
said Palmer bounded northwesterly by the highway leading from  
Palmer Depot to Three Rivers northwesterly by land of Peggy  
Knop South Westerly by land of Willis Phelps and Southeastly  
by land of said Willis Phelps. That the Ware River Railroad  
Company a corporation duly established by law has occasioned  
damages to your petitioner by laying out, making and maintain-  
ing a railroad through the land of petitioner above described and  
by taking therefor a portion of said described land and by ob-  
structing passage ways thereon which damages have never been  
paid by said Ware River Railroad Company and your petitioner  
is unable to agree with said Ware River Railroad Company  
upon the amount of said damages. Wherefore your petitioner hum-  
bly prays your Honorable body to estimate and assess said  
damages and to order said corporation to construct and main-  
tain such embankments, drains, culverts, walls, fences, passes, ways  
or other structures as you may judge reasonable and proper  
for the security and benefit of your petitioner and to make  
such other orders in the premises as law and equity may re-  
quire.

March 11th. 1876

Albert Burlough

By E. L. Gardner his atty

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners begun and holden at said Springfield on the Sec-  
ond Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and  
seventy six, when it was ordered "that the Commissioners will  
meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court  
House in Springfield on Tuesday the second day of May next  
at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said  
petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the said Ware  
River Railroad Company fourteen days at least before the said  
second day of May, that they may appear and be heard upon  
said petition. And this petition was continued from meeting to  
meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said peti-  
tion be dismissed.



Hannah S. Burleigh et al. To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hamp-  
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The Ware River R.R. Co.  
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Respectfully represent Hannah S. Burleigh, Lucia E. Burleigh, Julia A. Burleigh, Sarah M. Burleigh, and Lucy Burleigh all of said Palmer, (the last two being minors who bring the petition by said Hannah S. Burleigh their mother and next friend) and William E. Burleigh of San Francisco, California, that they are the owners of a certain tract of land situate on said Palmer bounded Easterly and North easterly by the Highway leading from Palmer Depot to Three Horse Church, Westerly by land of the Ware River Railroad Company and South Westerly by land now or formerly of Ezra Calhoun. That the said Ware River Railroad Company a corporation duly established by law has occasioned damages to your petitioners by laying out, working and maintaining a railroad through the land of your petitioners above described and by taking therefor a portion of said described lands which damages have never been paid by said Ware River Railroad Company and your petitioners are unable to agree with said Ware River Railroad Company upon the amount of said damages. Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray your honorable body to estimate and assess said damages and to order said corporation to construct and maintain such embankments, drains, culverts, walls, fences, passes, ways or other structures as you may judge reasonable and proper for the security and benefit of your petitioners and to make such other orders in the premises as law and equity may require.

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1876

Hannah S. Burleigh and others  
By E. L. Gardner their Atty

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held on at said Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy six when it was ordered that the Commissioners will meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the second day of May next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioners cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the said Ware River Railroad Company fourteen days at least before the said 2nd day of May, that they may appear and be heard upon said petition. And said petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



December 1881

Charles W. Allen Pet  
for a Jury

The City of Springfield  
vs

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of  
Franklin in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts -  
Respectfully represents Charles W. Allen of Ludlow in said County  
that the City of Springfield by virtue and in execution of the power  
and authority in it vested by the Legislature of said Common-  
wealth by an act approved May 6th 1872 and by chapter 15  
of the acts of 1873 and chapter 202 of the acts of 1874 amend-  
atory and additional thereto has taken and holds large tracts  
of lands and other real estate for laying and maintaining aq-  
ueducts or pipes, constructing or maintaining reservoirs, dams  
and other works necessary and proper for raising, storing, re-  
taining, distributing discharging and disposing of water with which  
to supply said city as is provided in said act and for said pur-  
poses and by virtue of the power and authority in it vested as  
aforesaid and in execution of the same has taken and holds water  
and water rights and has constructed dams, aqueducts and other  
works. That your petitioner is the owner of several tracts of land  
situate in said Ludlow some of which tracts contain valuable  
water rights also the property of your petitioner parts of which  
tracts and water rights have been taken and used by said city  
as aforesaid whereby your petitioner is greatly damaged and put  
to a great loss, both by the taking of said lands and water  
rights and the damage which has resulted to the remainder  
by such taking and also by the taking and using by said city  
for the purpose and in the manner aforesaid of lands adjoin-  
ing said several tracts a description of the lands containing those  
which are damaged as well as those which have been taken as  
aforesaid and also said water rights is hereto annexed marked  
A B and C and is hereby made a part of this petition. Your  
petitioner further represents that some time during the month  
of November now last past, and within one year after sustain-  
ing such damages, he presented to your honorable body his written  
petition in due form representing that he had sustained damage  
in the manner aforesaid - that he was unable to agree with  
said city of Springfield upon the amount of said damages and  
praying that the same might be assessed by your honorable  
body - that thereafter and within one year previous to the fil-  
ing of this petition after a full hearing of all parties your hon-  
orable body refused to award your petitioner any damages  
and your petitioner being aggrieved by the doings of your hon-  
orable body in the estimation of said damages hereby prays



that he may have the same settled by a jury in accordance with the terms of said Act.

Dated September 7/1876

Charles W. Alden

by G. L. Gardner his atty.

Description "A" A tract containing about 120 acres bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the South side of the highway leading from Ludlow to Bondsville at corner of a fence near a School house being the north west corner of said tract. Thence easterly on said highway about 101 rods to the Belcherstown. Thence southerly on said Belcherstown line about 250 rods to land of Alexander Whitney. Thence westerly on land of said Whitney 45 rods to land of Edward Stewart. Thence North-erly on land of said Stewart and Orsamus Alden 84 1/2 rods to said Alden's north east corner. Thence Westerly on said Alden's land about 90 rods to land of Newell W. Alden. Thence northerly on land of Newell W. about 90 rods. Thence Westerly on said land about 11 rods. Thence North Westerly on same land about 27 rods to the highway. Thence Northerly on said highway about 45 rods to the place of beginning. Description "B" A tract consisting of about 13 1/2 acres bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the South west corner of land of Whitney. Thence northerly on said Whitney about fourteen rods to land decided to the city of Springfield by Charles W. Alden. Thence Westerly on land of said city about 40 rods. Thence Northerly on said city's land about 50 rods to land of Sikes Brothers and Alden. Thence Westerly on said last named land 14 rods. Thence Southerly on same land about 70 rods. Thence Easterly on same land and land of Newell W. Alden about 61 rods to place of beginning. Description "C" One undivided half in common with D. W. Sikes and F. E. Sikes (1/4 each) of a tract containing about 12 acres bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the North West corner of land of Newell W. Alden. Thence Southerly on said Newell W.'s land about 40 rods to land of Selah Bellings. Thence Westerly on said Bellings land 26 rods to land of the city of Springfield. Thence northerly on said city's land 90 rods. Thence Easterly on same land 12 rods. Thence north easterly on same land 15 rods. Thence southerly on same land 18 rods to land of Charles Walden. Thence Westerly on said Alden's land 14 rods to his north west corner. Thence Southerly on said Alden's land 60 rods to his South west corner. Thence Easterly on said Alden's land 16 rods to the place of beginning.



December Meeting 1877

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy six when it was ordered that the County Commissioners will meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield on the day the tenth day of October next at ten o'clock A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the said City of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said tenth day of October, that it may appear and be heard upon said petition, and a warrant was issued on the sixth day of February requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deput to summon a Jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matter of complaint set forth in said petition, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Respectfully represents John A. Squire of Palmer in said County that he is the owner of a certain tract of land situate in said Palmer bounded North Easterly by the highway leading from Palmer Depot to Three Rivers North Westerly by land to the Ware River Railroad Company, South Westerly by land of the New London Northern Railroad Company and South Easterly by land of Julia A. Scism and said New London Northern Railroad Company. That the Ware River Railroad Company a corporation duly established by law has occasioned damages to your petitioner by laying out making and maintaining a railroad through the land of your petitioner above described land and by obstructing passage ways thereon which damages have never been paid by said Ware River Railroad Company and your petitioner being unable to agree with said Ware River Railroad Company, on the fourteenth day of March 1876, filed with your Honorable body his petition praying your Honorable body to estimate and assess said damages among other things, whereupon your Honorable body after a full hearing upon the twelfth day of June A.D. 1876 being within one year previous to the date of this did estimate said damages to

John A. Squire Pet.  
for a Jury

The Ware River R.R. Co.



the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty five Dollars and did on said twelfth day of June complete and return said estimate and your petitioner being dissatisfied with said estimate hereby makes application for a Jury to assess said damages  
 Dated June 11<sup>th</sup> 1877.

John A. Squire

By L. L. Gardner his Atty.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy seven, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Selectmen of Wilbraham  
 Pet. for discontinuance of Turnway in  
 Wilbraham

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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Hampden County Gentlemen.

We, the undersigned legal voters and tax payers in the town of Wilbraham in aid of the petition of the Selectmen, do hereby respectfully pray your honorable Board to discontinue the townway in this town, which was ordered by the County Commissioners, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1876, for the following reasons. To wit: That the said way is not needed to accommodate the public travel, as only a very few individuals will be benefitted thereby that it will be a very expensive road to build and that in the present depressed state of business the burden of taxation caused by building said way will press heavily upon your petitioners. That the town on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Nov 1876 laid a townway which will meet all the necessities of the public travel between the termini of said ordered way.

Wilbraham Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1877

R. B. Grant and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy seven, and this petition was continued from meeting to this meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
Southampton.

The undersigned legal voters and tax payers in the town of Agawam in said County respectfully represent, that since the passage of the Act of Legislature in April 1873 authorizing the County Commissioners of the County to lay out and construct a highway and bridge, across Connecticut River, between the City of Springfield, and the town of Agawam, there has been such a change of circumstances as to render the construction of said bridge at present inexpedient. First:- The facilities for travel between said city and town have been greatly increased by the erection of a new bridge between Springfield and West Springfield which, added to the making free of the old bridge, affords all needed means of crossing the river. Second:- The present indebtedness of the town of Agawam, a large portion of which has been contracted since the passage said Act, by the erection of two town houses, costing with the necessary furniture about Thirty five Thousand Dollars. Third, All kinds of property and business in said town of Agawam, have been, and are, at the present time greatly depressed and tax payers of the town, are at present suffering greatly from this depression. And lastly:- The decidedly injurious effect which so great an additional debt would have upon the business interests of our town. We therefore pray that all further proceedings for constructing said bridge may be for the present postponed.

Agawam, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1877.

S. W. Edson and others.

At a meeting of the town of Agawam held September 19<sup>th</sup> 1877, the following Resolutions were adopted unanimously - Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the Selectmen of the Town of Agawam be instructed to employ all honorable means within their power to save the town from the impending burden which would be imposed upon the Tax payers of our Town, by the construction and maintenance of a Bridge at or near the Agawam Ferry - Resolved 2<sup>nd</sup> That in case of the inability of the Selectmen to prevail upon the Commissioners who are authorized to cause the construction of a Bridge, as herein before related, That the said Selectmen be instructed to use their best endeavors to have the said Bridge located in range of the Highway, which leads from Water Street down to the

December Meeting 1877

S. W. Edson and others Petition  
for discontinuance of  
proceedings on South  
End Bridge.

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Town Hall in said Town.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at said Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and seventy seven, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Elisha Black et al.  
Petition for completion  
of new highway in  
Montgomery  
31.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire - Your petitioners, Inhabitants of the Town of Northampton - Respectfully represent that a new road and Highway leading from near Russell Depot to near Elisha Black in Montgomery and ordered built by your Honorable board - is but partially built and whereas a majority of the votes in said town do refuse to build and complete the remaining portion of said road leaving it almost impossible for people to reach Northampton from Russell in its present position and only accommodation a very few families which if completed will open the travel to not only the centre of our town but will make a very feasible route from Blandford, Russell and the other Towns to Northampton, the Hamptons, Holyoke &c. we are also informed by the Selectmen of Russell that they built their part of said road in good faith by an order from your Honorable board, and at great expense for the purpose of a travel way to the terminus near said Black - and if the road is not completed they have been burdened with a tax to accommodate two or three families in Northampton - with all these considerations, we earnestly request its completion - as our duty bound &c.  
Northampton, April 4<sup>th</sup> 1878

Elisha Black and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and seventy eight and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Mass.

Elbridge Day & others  
for discontinuance of  
highway in West Springfield

The undersigned residents of the Town of West Springfield, liable to be assessed for highway labor, hereby make application to you for the discontinuance of the old road in said town commencing on a line of the old county road leading to Northampton, near the house of the late Parson Arkley, and running east to the Connecticut River. On the grounds of it having become useless and unnecessary for public travel.

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Elbridge Day and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty eight, and continued to a meeting to a meeting begun and holden on the thirteenth day of May at which meeting, the Commissioners during a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the thirteenth day of June, then next and twelve o'clock in the noon, at the house of Hannah Day in West Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



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David H. Baldwin  
for a Jury

The Town of West Springfield

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

To the Honorable, the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden: Respectfully represents David H. Baldwin of West Springfield in said County that he is the owner of a certain tract of land situated in said West Springfield, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of land now or formerly of Miss Lucina Chapin thence running S  $39\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E 19 rods, thence S  $56\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E 8 rods 7 links to a stake near a bridge over a ditch; thence N  $29^{\circ}$  E 8 rods 15 links; thence S  $63^{\circ}$  E 37 rods 3 links along the middle of the ditch; thence S  $85^{\circ}$  E 8 rods along the middle of the ditch; thence S  $45\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E 18 links to land now or formerly of Walter Crocker; thence S  $42^{\circ}$  W 16 rods 3 links; thence S  $25^{\circ}$  W 14 rods 18 links; thence S  $6^{\circ}$  W 14 rods 5 links; thence S  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E 14 rods 2 links to the old road, thence four courses running by W. Corbett's Cold Spring lot; thence S  $66^{\circ}$  W 4 rods 20 links to the Railroad; thence N  $62^{\circ}$  W 43 rods 9 links to land now or formerly of one Regan; thence N  $53^{\circ}$  E 20 rods; thence N  $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 50 rods; thence N  $36^{\circ}$  E 10 rods 11 links to the first station; that upon the day of 187 said land was entered upon & a portion thereof to wit a strip about two rods in width across said land, taken and laid out as a public highway; that your petitioner was awarded the sum of dollars as compensation or damages therefor by your Honorable Board; that said sum is inadequate and less than the loss occasioned by said taking and that he is greatly aggrieved thereby. Wherefore he prays a jury may be ordered to determine the damage suffered by him in said taking.

David H. Baldwin

By his Attys Leonard &amp; Trull

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, began and holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, and the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



Deerfield Meeting 1887

Samuel Horton Pet.

for a Jury?

The County Commission  
of Hampden County

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners of the County  
of Hampden: Your petitioner Samuel Horton of Westfield in  
said County, being aggrieved by the doing of the County Commis-  
sioners of said County, on or about August 13, 1879 in the estima-  
tion of his damages, occasioned by laying out, locating anew  
and altering the highways in said Westfield known as Elm Street  
and North Elm Street between the Railroad of the Boston & Alba-  
ny Railroad Company and Orange Street, and in the sum-  
award him of indemnity therefor hereby applies to your Hono-  
rable Board for a Jury to determine the matter of his com-  
plaint

Dated at Westfield this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1880.

Samuel Horton

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and  
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year  
of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty, when it was ordered  
that the petitioner give notice to the said Town of Westfield,  
to appear before the said County Commissioners, at the Court  
House in Springfield, aforesaid, on Tuesday, the fifth day of  
October next at ten o'clock A. M. by serving it with two attest-  
ed copies of said petition and of this order, fourteen days at least  
before the said fifth day of October, that it may then and  
there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not  
be granted. And this petition was continued from meeting to  
meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition  
be dismissed

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County  
The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to  
change the place of meeting of the Clerks of Representative Dis-  
trict No. 6 from the Post Office to the City Clerk's office of  
the City of Springfield. (See Sec 26 Chap 376 Laws of 1879)  
Springfield Oct. 2, 1880.

A. J. Tolson, City Clerk  
State Pet. for change of  
place of meeting of Rep.  
Dist No. 6

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A. J. Tolson City Clerk  
Geo. A. Weston Clerk Fraud 4  
H. M. J. Bishop 7

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners begun and holden at said Springfield, within



and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty, and this meeting was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

W. Royce application  
as an Innholder in  
Wales

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We the subscribers a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Wales do hereby certify that W. Royce has applied to us to be recommended as an Innholder and common victualler in said Town and that after mature consideration had thereon at a meeting held for that purpose at which we were each of us present we are of the opinion that the public good requires that the petition of said W. Royce be granted he being to the best of our knowledge and belief a person of good moral character.

Wales April 6, 1881

H. Burley

W. L. Graham

J. H. Royce

Selectmen

of

Wales

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

William H. Day, applica-  
tion as an Innholder  
in Chester

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Chester April 1<sup>st</sup> 1881

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden We the Selectmen of the Town of Chester believing William H. Day of the West Village in this town is a suitable person to have an Innholder license, request your board to grant him the same.

H. A. Jones

A. Willcutt

Amos S. Jones

Selectmen

of

Chester

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden <sup>at Springfield within and for said County</sup> on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty one and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



We, the subscribers a majority of the Selectmen of the town of  
Brimfield to hereby certify that Amos Munroe has applied to  
us to be recommended as an Innholder at his dwelling house  
in Brimfield center and that after mature consideration had  
thereon at a meeting held for that purpose at which each of  
us were present. We are of the opinion that the public good re-  
quires that the petition of said Amos Munroe be granted.  
We bring to the best of our knowledge and belief a person of  
good moral character. Dated at Brimfield this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of May A. D. 1887

Amos Munroe application  
to be an Innholder  
in Brimfield  
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Charles Proctor } Selectmen of  
S. W. Brown } Brimfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and  
for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of A.  
pril in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty one  
and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting  
to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition  
be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. Charles A. Lucas, Pet.  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent for release from the  
that on the fifteenth day of June eighteen hundred hundred House of Correction.  
and eighty one, Charles A. Lucas of Springfield in said County  
was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County by  
the for the term of one year for the crime of drunkenness, and  
that said Charles A. Lucas has reformed. Therefore, your petitioners  
pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Chas.  
A. Lucas to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sen-  
tence.

Charles A. Lucas

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now, to  
wit: on the seventeenth day of January eighteen hundred and  
eighty two it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.  
And on the fourteenth day of February said permit to be at  
liberty is issued.



Charles E. Collins Pet.  
for release from the  
House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
The undersigned citizens of said County respectfully represent that  
on the fifteenth day of August eighteen hundred and eighty  
one, Charles E. Collins of Holyoke in said County was sentenced  
to the House of Correction for said County by the Justice of the  
Police Court Holyoke for the term of twelve months for the  
crime of drunkenness, and that said Charles E. Collins has re-  
formed. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable  
Board issue a permit to the said Charles E. Collins to be at  
liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Watson, Ely and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now to  
wit: on the seventeenth day of January eighteen hundred and  
eighty two it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be  
granted.

Apportionment of Dog  
Tax refunded to Towns

The County Commissioners having apportioned the monies re-  
ceived under the provisions of Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1867,  
not expended in the payment of damages done by dogs, order  
that the same amounting to the sum of four thousand three  
hundred and four dollars and ninety five cents be paid to the  
treasurers of the several cities and Towns of the County in the  
proportions following viz:

To the Treasurer of Agawam	\$ 113.08
" " " " Blanford	67.95
" " " " Brimfield	66.95
" " " " Chester	79.85
" " " " Chicopee	239.55
" " " " Granville	62.50
" " " " Hampden	81.83
" " " " Holland	7.44
" " " " Holyoke	578.12
" " " " Longmeadow	103.66
" " " " Ludlow	107.13
" " " " Monson	259.88
" " " " Montgomery	32.24
" " " " Palmer	226.33
" " " " Southwick	71.36
" " " " Springfield	1307.36
" " " " Tolland	38.19
Amount carried forward.	<u>\$ 3429.41</u>



Cambridge History 1882

Amount brought forward	\$3429.41
To the balance of Value	48.10
Westfield	476.20
West Springfield	217.23
Willsfield	91.75
Russell	42.26
	<u>\$4304.95</u>

Estimated Expenses of the County of Hampden for the year 1882 County Estimate  
with the amount necessary to be raised by Tax.

For Payment of Juries	\$7000.00
• Service of Juries	300.00
• Officers of Courts & meals of Juries	2000.00
• Salaries of Special & County Commissioners	1600.00
• Land Damage	1200.00
• Sheriff's Juries	100.00
• Pub. Commissioners & Juries	300.00
• Survey of Highways	200.00
• Construction of Highways & Kennamite	2500.00
• Medical Examiners	1200.00 16400.00

At Jail and House of Correction

For Provisions	6000.00
• Clothing	700.00
• Fuel and Lights	2500.00
• Beds and Bedding	300.00
• Salaries of Officers	4500.00
• Board of Officers & Employers	750.00
• Repairs	1000.00
• Instruction	300.00
• Furniture & Utensils	200.00
• Miscellaneous Expenses & Water Rates	500.00
• Medicine and Attendance	300.00 17050.00

At Court House

For Salary of Messengers & Engineer	1600.00
• Record Books and Stationery	1100.00
• Law Library	600.00
• Repairs. Also other Court Houses	500.00
• Fuel & Lights	1200.00
• Clerk of Court	800.00



For Salary of Sheriff	1250.00	
• Treasurer	1200.00	
• Expenses of Accounts	50.00	
• Legal Expenses	100.00	
• Criminal Costs	7000.00	
• Interest on County Notes	16500.00	
• Sinking Fund	5000.00	
• Auditors of Courts	750.00	
• South End Bridge	1350.00	
• County Indebtedness for Orders		
Drawn on the Treasury	1150.00	40100.00
• Truant School	2500.00	2500.00
Salaries of the Justices of the Police		
Courts of Springfield Holyoke & Chicopee	4300.00	
Salary of the Justice of the Eastern		
Hampden District Court	800.00	
Salary of the Clerks of the Police Courts		
of Springfield and Holyoke	1750.00	
For Services of the Special Justices of		
the Police & District Courts	200.00	4050.00
Total Estimate		83100.00
Deduct Estimated receipts		6150.00
Amount called for by Tax		\$ 77000.00

Leonard Black  
 Lewis F. Root  
 Henry A. Chase } County Commissioners

Contract for ceiling the  
 Court Room in the  
 Court House awarded  
 to Charles L. Shaw

Due notice for proposals therefor having been issued and published, the following written contract for ceiling the Court Room is entered into: This agreement made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1892, between Charles L. Shaw of Springfield, of the first part and the Commissioners of the County of Hampden of the second part. Witnesseth - That the said party of the first part for a consideration hereinafter mentioned agrees to repair and alter the ceiling upon the Court Room in the Court House, Springfield, for the said party of the second part, agreeably to the Specifications hereto annexed and Plan to be furnished, the work to be



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finished in every respect, and the room ready for use as Court Room, on or before March the 8<sup>th</sup> 1882. The party of the first to forfeit to the party of the second part the sum of ten dollars for each days delay after said 8<sup>th</sup> day of March. In consideration whereof the party of the second part agrees to pay the said party of the first part, the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which sum shall be in full of all his demands and claims against the party of the second part. And it is further agreed, that the said party of the second part, may modify the before mentioned Specification in any particular, without impairing its validity or the validity of this contract in other respects - provided - that the sum to be allowed to either party for such alterations shall have been agreed upon by the parties hereto, and a full statement of the same made in writing and signed by them, before the work to be effected by the change is commenced. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, on the day of the year first above written.

Specifications for ceiling the Court Room. The Lath and Plastering to be removed and the furring to be arranged to give a moulding to all angles of the panels. The lath and plastering must be removed from the staging to a space from the gallery windows thence away from the County ground. All of the ceiling to be finished in ash according to the plans and Specifications furnished. All finished lumber to be brown ash, the sheathing not over 3 1/2 inches wide or less than 3/4 inch thick; thoroughly kiln dried & smoothed molding and beads must be sand papered and well nailed with 8 penny finished nails. The contractor is to remove all the chandeliers and gas lights and replace them when the work is completed. All the labor and material is to be done in a thorough and workmanlike manner to correspond with the finish in the room. The filling in to be in keeping with the other finish of the room. The Contractor to make good all injury done to the room or furniture and sweep out and make a complete and finished job. All to be completed on or before the eighth day of March A. D. 1882, to the acceptance of the Commissioners of Hampden County or their agent.



Shop Damages

The sum of Five Hundred and Two Dollars and Eighty five Cents is allowed for damage done to shops and other domestic animals by dogs and for services performed under Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1857, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said Act.

Additional Sum allowed the Town of Chicopee on Pet. of John Gates et al.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss. County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 1881.  
In the matter of the highway in Ludlow and Chicopee laid out Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1880, on the Petition of John Gates and others it is hereby ordered that there shall be paid from the County Treasury to the Town of Chicopee the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars, in addition to the sum of Five Hundred and Eighty Dollars, heretofore ordered.

Leonard Black } County  
Henry A. Chase } Commissioners

The County Treasurer authorized to borrow in anticipation of the County Tax

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss. Regular Adjourned Meeting of the County Commissioners  
Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1882

Resolved That W. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding Sixty Thousand Dollars, and to make execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable during the month of October next, to the order of such Bank, Institution, Corporation or Individual, as he, the said Bridge, shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum.

Leonard Black } County  
Lewis F. Post } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

First Annual Report of Supt. of Juvenile School

To the Commissioners of Hampden County, Mass.  
Continuing the first installment of children committed to the Hampden County Juvenile School was received May 19, 1880; thus



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the institution has been in actual operation, for the purposes designed, a little over nineteen months. Quarterly reports of the attendance of children here have been regularly made to the Board by the Treasurer; but, with the exception of the report made last winter by the visiting committee, appointed by the Commission, no written official report of the management of the institution has been rendered. Upon the supposition, then, that reports will hereafter be required from the Superintendent each year, this report, - which will cover a period terminating Dec. 31, 1887, and will chiefly consist in a record of the management of the institution, and its experiences for the year then closing may properly be termed the First Annual Report thereof. The whole number of children committed to this school during the year 1886 - all of whom were present Jan. 1, 1887, - is 18; the number received during the year 1887 is 11; thus the whole number present some part of the year 1887 is 29. The number that have been discharged during 1887 by expiration of sentence is 16, by the Order of Court 1, escaped (and still at large) 1; making a total of 18 that have left, and leaving the number now present 11. The largest number present at one time was 32. The average number present during the year 1887 was about 15  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Of the total number, 29, there were 2 girls; one of these is still present, the other discharged. According to the record of the children when received, the youngest committed was then 7 years of age, and the oldest 17. The average of the ages of all received to the present time is about 12 years. Of the whole number received, 23 were from Springfield, 1 from West Springfield, 3 from Spencer and 2 from Northampton. Thus only four towns of the county have, as yet, been represented in the school. Up to Oct. 6, 1887, two had been sentenced here for 18 months each and all others for one year; those committed since that date have been sentenced two years each.

Instruction and Discipline - There are held two regular daily sessions of school, together covering four hours, for five days of each week. Instruction is there given in all the various studies corresponding mainly to those taught in the public schools of Springfield below the High School grade. The only vacation in the sessions of the school other than the holidays, during the past year, was one of two weeks in July, and an occasional but rare intermittance of a day or two, necessitated by circumstances.



outside of the school room. The natural effect of tenancy is seen in the much lower average standing in scholarship and the greater disinclination for study found in these pupils when recited, as compared with the majority of children of similar ages in the public schools; but there is not found, in the comparison a lower average of natural ability for acquisition of knowledge. And the progress which most of them have made in their studies, for the time they have been here is very encouraging and commendable; in some instances this improvement is quite marked, and beyond the expectations of their instructors. Some who could hardly write a legible <sup>word</sup> when they entered, after less than a year of instruction and training could write, without assistance a correct neat and perfectly legible letter of friendship or business. The principals of the schools, to which some of the children recently discharged from this institution belonged before being sent here, have stated to me that some have made greater progress while here than the other members of the classes to which they belonged for the same time, and that they are now punctual and diligent pupils. Outside of the school work, certain regular daily or weekly duties are required of each child here to help in caring for themselves and in performing the necessary work of the institutions - such as making their beds, caring for their dormitories, washing the dishes, and a variety of other house work, and in addition to this, the boys assist in doing all the varieties of work done on the farm, in the season for such labor. In all these duties they are taught, <sup>and trained</sup> to do their work correctly and with dispatch. And this training and labor is found to be an excellent discipline for them and we believe the knowledge thus acquired and the skill to perform will be of much material value to them in the future of their lives, and greatly aid in making them self-sustaining and useful citizens. A liberal portion of time is allowed to all the children for recreation and amusement, and for reading. An ample yard is provided for a playground, and a commodious and well lighted room is furnished with a good amount of suitable reading matter and house games for their entertainment and amusement. The Society subscribes yearly for five different publications - daily or weekly suitable to their ages; and six cards by which books of that number are drawn once a fortnight from the Springfield City Library, are furnished to the school gratuitously by the Library Association. Other reading matter has been given to the institution by private citizens. A considerable portion of



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time is spent in the evenings, and at other hours, in reading to the children by some one of the managers; an interest is also taken by the managers in their play; and the endeavor is, to make all such spending of time and effort a means of mental and moral culture to them. Religious services are held and biblical instruction given by the Superintendent or some one of the managers every Sabbath, in the school room, to which all the children attend; and the Catholic children have received instruction in their catechism for one hour each Sabbath by a gentleman of that faith. We find many of the children sent here to a considerable degree vicious in their habits and low in conduct; and these we believe to have been acquired by them in great measure, from the evil influences of their personal surroundings, and fostered by the neglect, or worse than neglect of parental restraint and example. But while kept here away from such surroundings, we do not generally find them intractable or less susceptible to kindly correction treatment than other children. They have hearts as warm and that as readily appreciate and respond to manifestations of a true interest in their welfare, as those of children who have been more fortunate in home influences. For purposes of reform and correction, the managers have endeavored to exercise a kind yet firm discipline and a parental care. Corporal punishment has been sometimes used as a means of correction, not as a last resort, but when deemed to be the best means. But to withdraw some privilege or debar from some pleasure has often proved a sufficient punishment of the disobedient and the resort to solitary confinement for a brief period - though rarely necessary - has not failed to subdue the most obdurate. To inspire and promote in them self-reliance and faithfulness, we have trusted their promises, put confidence in their honor, and allowed them a large freedom from bodily confinement and surveillance. The boys have often all at the same time, been taken to work on the farm; while so employed have frequently been scattered, or sent on errands long distances from the manager. The children have also been sent, one or more at a time, as there was occasion, on errands to the neighbors without oversight. During the warm season all the boys were taken once a week, under care of the Superintendent or the assistant alone to a pond more than a half mile from the institution, for bathing and swimming, usually returning when quite dark. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July all the children were taken



into the woods some distance away for a picnic, where for hours they found much enjoyment, and roamed largely at will, until called to return. In a word - our aim has been to surround these children while here, with as much of the true home, and as little of the prison, as possible. In justification of this treatment, and as an evidence of its wisdom, we are happy to state that our confidence has seldom been betrayed; that in none of the instances above mentioned has there been to our knowledge a single attempt to escape. And we believe the moral improvement of the children is greater than it would have been under an opposite course of management. The only escape of an inmate within the past year was on Dec. 15, - that of a boy, six days after being committed, and who effected his escape through a practised deception and under cover of darkness. He is still at large, but we think very much needing the care he would here receive.

### Health of the Children.

Altho the children have been remarkably exempt from sickness since the institution opened. There were two cases of the measles in 1876, but no serious illness of any child has yet occurred. The County Physician vaccinated all the children present last Spring, and has treated one of the boys for an injury he received before being sent here; these are the only professional visits from a physician they have received the past year, and only one such visit was made in 1876. This good sanitary condition we attribute in large measure to the regularity of their meals and hours for sleeping, the sufficient quantity of wholesome food given them, a pure air, and the cleanliness of their persons and rooms.

### The Farm

Connected with the institution, the Brattle owns about 12 acres of land the soil being a sandy loam. The buildings, yards and grounds in front cover about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres - These grounds, where not otherwise occupied are stocked with a good variety of fruit trees, set out last Spring. The remainder of the land is tilled to produce the various farm and garden products, needed for consumption on the place. The stock at present kept on the farm are, 1 horse, 2 cows, and 2 hogs. Besides a large amount of garden sauce, and of green feed for the farm stock, consumed during the growing season and not estimated, there were harvested from the farm the past year,



as follows - 1 ton of English hay; 1 1/2 tons of Oaten hay; 1 ton of Rye straw; 700 lbs of Hungarian; 15 bushels of Rye; 175 bushels of potatoes; 1 1/2 tons of carrots; 1 1/2 tons Mangolds; 1200 lbs of winter squashes; 1 ton of corn fodder; 13 bushels of Beans; 20 bushels of sweet corn; and a considerable quantity of cabbage, turnips &c. From the experience of the past two seasons, it would appear to be unprofitable to attempt to any great extent to raise English hay on this soil; but it yields good crops of vegetables and small grain. And I would suggest that hereafter the land be mostly used in raising vegetables - especially early crops for the market, when not needed for home consumption, and that either Hungarian grass and corn fodder be raised instead of hay to feed the stock.

### Financial

Under this head, as the best method of presenting our expenditures I will here transcribe the Society Treasurer's report of the expenditures of this institution for the year 1871: I would suggest that hereafter there be kept an account of the expenditures and receipts of the Farm, separate from the other accounts of the institution, that we may have the means of judging of the profits of that branch of our operations. Besides the Superintendent, the present managers of this institution are, - Mrs. L. H. Barrett, Matron; Mrs. Kate Taylor, Teacher; Mr. Geo. W. Davis, assistant Superintendent and Farmer. One woman is constantly employed for cooking and general housework; and a woman has occasionally been employed, during a part of the year to aid in the washing and ironing. No other help has been employed on the place, and the only work done for us outside, is a small amount of sewing. In concluding this report we would summarize with grateful hearts that Beneficent Providence whose watchful care has been constantly over us, who has exempted us so largely from disease, and has granted us that measure of prosperity and blessings that we have enjoyed. Believing that the foregoing report includes all that is necessary to answer the purposes for which it is written, it is hereby respectfully submitted to your inspection.

R. H. Barrett, Superintendent

Springfield, Jan 3, 1872



Report of Vesting Committee of the Tenant School.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
 Burlington: In compliance with your request we have visited the  
 Tenant School at different times the past year making on all  
 nine visits. With the increased experience of Superintendent, Mat-  
 son and teacher, some changes in the system or in the details or  
 in measures would naturally result, and therefore improvement  
 in various respects would reasonably be expected. Our expectations  
 have been more than equalled. The school appears to be in excellent  
 condition, Mrs. Taylor, motherly in her ways, mature in judg-  
 ment, having both faculty and experience is especially adapted  
 to the position she occupies. Under her instruction, the improve-  
 ment made in the various branches of study pursued has been  
 rapid. In reading, penmanship and drawing the progress made  
 we have rarely seen excelled under the most favorable circumstances,  
 and the boys who go back at the expiration of their sentence in-  
 to the public schools from which they came are abundantly able  
 to advance with their classes. They carry away also a kindly feeling  
 toward the school. This is shown by the letters they write to one  
 and another of the officers, by their visits as they have opportunity,  
 and in some cases by the desire expressed to remain longer inmates  
 of the institution. It shows the restraint has not been merely a  
 physical restraint under stress of circumstances, but a moral,  
 which has tended to a better life, and to lift them upon a high-  
 er plane and to a better companionship. It cannot be expected  
 that the school will be a financial success in the ordinary sense of  
 that term, that the income will equal or more than equal the ex-  
 penditure for its maintenance. It was not established with any  
 such view or for any such purpose. But that does not prove that  
 there was no call for it, or that it was not a good investment.  
 It was established to take care of the tenants of the county so far  
 as there are tenants, and through fear of commitment to check  
 the tendency to crime, and in so far as it does this, it renders  
 a valuable service to the county and to the state. But there is  
 here also a financial view, for nearly all tenants left to themselves  
 will become criminals, and a tax upon the public in a double  
 sense, the expense of their crime and its consequences, and in the  
 loss of the products of their industry. But notwithstanding the sad  
 thought and the good secured, the school is not full, and if the  
 reason for that is, that there are not tenants enough to fill it,  
 the fact would be most encouraging. But such is not the fact.  
 There is an expense to the town of two dollars per week for each



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ward sent, and the town officers shrink from incurring and increasing expenses. Again and sometimes ill will attaches to officers if they do their duty in these respects, and there may sometimes be hesitancy for political considerations. Not even until the last four months the town has rarely been committed for a longer period than one year, and by the expiration of the sentence the school has become reduced. Of the general condition of the building, of the bill of fare, the care of clothing, the attention given to the health of the pupils we have said little to criticize. Perhaps some provision for flushing the urinals ought to be made. The library ought to be enlarged, and the games and other means of recreation be increased, and this might be done without expense to the town. If public attention was called to the subject and contributions of books and papers solicited.

Respectfully Submitted

W. K. Olson

E. A. Hubbard

Gentlemen: After consultations, last Monday, Mr. Hubbard wrote out the enclosed paper which I sign fully endorsing the same. He allowed me the privilege to re-write and modify at discretion; but while the paper is brief I see no special reason for using the liberty granted. A few things which might have been said, I add by this accompanying note. The opinion grows upon me that the action of the State authorities in refusing to longer admit truants at Monson was a mistake. While it is not desirable that such a school should be very large, for the few truants that we have, the expense is of necessity too great. For this with your strenuous efforts to be economical you ought not to be blamed. The town pauper establishments are not suitable places to commit truants - the chances of their reformation with such vile associations would be small. I am glad that Mr. Bennett tries to aid the older boys, without good fathers, to procure situations on leaving the school and to interest employers in them, is commendable and to be encouraged. From present indications I judge that reform in many cases will prove permanent, and the saving of a boy from a criminal life may be worth all the cost to the town for a year. Criminals, as you well know are expensive. Could truants be received from other towns outside the county, it might tend to slightly diminish the county expense. But as the matter now



stands the great need to procure all possible benefits from the school as to secure such improvement of the present laws as shall further restrain juvenile delinquency, and fill up the school day to forty pupils. Mr. Hubbard and myself are making efforts at Boston to secure this, and to some extent with negligent town authorities. The advantages of full term sentences seems to have become appreciated by the judges; but other towns will be likely to learn this only by experience. With thanks for courtesies rendered at your hands

Yours Truly

J. W. H. Eaton

Westfield, Mass. Jan 25th, 1882.

L. E. Hitchcock et al.  
Petition for release of Ed.  
ward Riley from House  
of Correction

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens of the town of Chicopee - that one Edward Riley of said Chicopee was in the month of December last past tried and convicted before the Police Court of said town for interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty, and was duly convicted and sentenced to the House of Correction for the term of six months. The prisoner Riley is, and always has been a resident of said Chicopee and he hence, a respectable and well-behaved young man. His father and family are residents of this town and his father is now sick with a cancer on the neck and his family are in a great measure dependant upon him for support, and we the undersigned believing that the ends of justice have been fully satisfied, pray your honorable body that the said Riley may be discharged.  
Chicopee, Feby 10, 1882.

Loramus E. Hitchcock and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at the meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Offal at House of  
Correction sold to L. D.  
Thatcher

The offal at the House of Correction was sold to L. D. Thatcher for one hundred dollars, for one year. (Feb 8th 1882)



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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners within and for the County of Hampden.

Whereas Sylvanus Crocker of Chicopee in said County was sentenced by the Police Court of said Chicopee for the term of nine months in the House of Correction in Springfield, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September last and has now served nearly six months of said sentence; and having shown a disposition to reform; and his wife being pregnant and soon to be confined and being without means of support and greatly in need of her husband's services; therefore we, the undersigned petition your Hon. Board to exercise the powers to you delegated by the Gen. Statutes in such cases, and release the said Sylvanus Crocker.

George J. Crocker and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fourth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty two, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

George J. Crocker et al.  
Pet. for release of Syl-  
vanus Crocker from  
House of Correction.

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the seventh day of March eighteen hundred and eighty two, James Mc Cormick of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Springfield for the term of three months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said James Mc Cormick has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said James Mc Cormick to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Lewis F. Carr and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fourth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty two, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

James Mc Cormick,  
Pet. for release from  
House of Correction.

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(April 4<sup>th</sup> 1882) Contract for furnishing Jail and House of Correction with meat awarded Wm B. Crook, for the year, for beef 6<sup>¢</sup> per lb. Shanks 2<sup>½</sup> ¢ per lb. and Salt Pork 9<sup>¢</sup> per lb.

Contract for furnishing Jail and House of Correction with meat, awarded Wm B. Crook.



Contract for furnishing  
Jail and Court House,  
with ice, awarded Charles  
L. Flagg.

(April 4<sup>th</sup> 1882) Contract for furnishing Jail and Court House  
with ice, for the year, awarded Charles L. Flagg, at 25¢ per  
hundred weight for the Court House, and 20¢ per hundred  
weight for the Jail.

Acceptance of highway  
in Ludlow and Chicopee,  
on petition of John Bates  
et al.

The County Commissioners, having viewed and carefully exam-  
ined throughout, the highway in Ludlow and Chicopee, in said  
County, located and ordered upon the petition of John Bates and  
others, and having found the same well made, constructed  
and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners there-  
on, the same is by them accepted.

Accounts

\$70.60

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medi-  
cal Examiners for views and examinations of the dead  
bodies of strangers and certified to the Treasurer of the  
Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of  
seventy dollars and sixty cents.

Bench Marks -  
Horton Dam Westfield

Westfield, Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1881. This certifies that I have this day connect-  
ed the following described Bench Marks with the top of Samuel Horton's  
Dam across Westfield River and the elevations here given which are  
from the Town of Westfield Datum are assumed point one hundred  
(100) feet below the top of base stone of the Soldiers Monument on the  
green are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. B. M. Top of base stone Soldiers  
Mt. due to the second stone. Elev. is 100 or 21.76 feet above the top of said Dam. Other points  
referred to are B. M. on East side of the brick arch over driveway North of N. H. and N. B. Pass Sta.  
South east corner of West wall at bottom of arch. Elev. 79.92 or 21.68 feet above the top of said Dam. B. M.  
top of granite course B. M. Pass Sta. South West corner 77.98 or 19.74 feet above the top of said Dam.  
B. M. North West corner top of bridge, east abutment. Highway bridge across Westfield River. Elev. 93.63 or  
15.37 feet above the top of said Dam. E. A. Fisher Eng. Westfield Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1881. This certifies that I have  
this day measured the total length of Samuel Horton's Dam across Westfield River and find it three hundred and  
eighty eight and one half (388½) feet. E. A. Fisher Eng. (Record recorded in Registry of Deeds)

Land Damages

Susan Hishcock is allowed the sum of \$50.00 for damages to land taken for highway and the same  
is ordered paid from County Treasury.

Accounts

\$14936.09

County accounts being now presented are allowed amounting to the sum of fourteen thousand nine hundred  
thirty six dollars and nine cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampden, ss April 4, 1882.

Judgment is entered up according to reports re. and all matters not ad-  
judged upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest: Robert O. Morris



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the eleventh day of said month, and the adjournments on the second day of May and on the sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Present: Leonard Black, Chairman  
Lewis F. Root  
Henry A. Chase

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
The undersigned, citizens, and Corporations of Springfield in said County, represent that the mill dam across Mill River, near Locust and Mill Streets, in said Springfield, belonging to the estate of the late John Bangs deceased, is insecure and in a dangerous condition: that Mary Bangs and Daniel C. Webster, both of said Springfield, are executors of the will of the said John Bangs, and interested in said dam, and Mary C. Bangs, Elizabeth Bangs and Mary J. Bangs Montague and Samuel A. Bangs all of said Springfield. And the Springfield Institution for Savings of said Springfield as mortgagee - are all interested in, and owners of said dam, and the undersigned are owners of property liable to destruction or damage by the breaking of said dam. Wherefore the undersigned pray that a time and place may be appointed for a view and examination of said dam, and notice thereof be given to said owners of the said dam, and after a view and examination thereof with the aid of a competent engineer, you may determine and direct what alterations and repairs are required to make said dam permanent and secure, and give written directions to said owners to make such alterations and repairs within a reasonable time, and make such further orders as the case may require.

Springfield, January 27, 1881

Bemis & Bull Hardware & Tool Co. et al.

Bemis & Bull Hardware  
& Tool Co. et al. Petrs. for  
examination of Mill Dam  
at  
Mary Bangs et al.  
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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty. When it was ordered that the petitioners give notice to the said Mary Bangs and Daniel E. Webster, Executors, and the said Springfield Institution of Savings to appear before the said County Commissioners, at the Court House in Springfield, aforesaid, on Tuesday the eighth day of February current at ten o'clock A.M. by serving them with an attested copy of said petition, and of this order, seven days at least before the said eighth day of February, that they may then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now the said Commissioners report as follows: After due notice to the owner of said dam, on the eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty one, with the assistance of J. R. Smith, a competent Engineer, they viewed and thoroughly examined said dam, upon examination it appeared to said Commissioners that the structure is not sufficiently strong and substantial to resist the action of the water under any circumstances which may reasonably be expected to occur, they with the advice of said engineer determined and directed that the following alterations and repairs be made, viz: For the frame work two new sections or trusses of the frame and dimensions shown on Plan on file in the Clerk's Office, also a new rafter on one old section, together with new braces A A on six, and B B on two (2) of the old sections. That the earth and debris be removed from the roof or up stream face of dam, the broken and decayed plank removed and replaced with new, and the entire surface covered with a sheathing of one inch boards and said Commissioners gave written directions to the owner thereof to make such alterations or repairs within a reasonable time and now it appears that the repairs recommended have been fully completed and the dam is now in a satisfactory condition.



To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners -  
The undersigned would respectfully represent that the public good demands that the highway leading from a point near the foot of the stairs in Wittingaugus across land of the Agawam Canal to its intersection with the Albany Turnpike near Riley's Hotel, should be relocated. We therefore pray that your honorable body view the premises at an early day and take such action in the matter as you may deem best.

Rufus Ames }  
Harvey D. Bagg } Selectmen  
Alexander Grant } of  
West Springfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, and was continued to a meeting of said Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting, the Commissioners determining a view of the premises, expedient appointed Tuesday, the eleventh day of April, then next and nine and a half o'clock in that forenoon, at the depot of the Boston and Albany Rail Road, in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

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Selectmen of West

Springfield, Petn. for

relocation of highway

in West Springfield

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And on the said eleventh day of April, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting, held on the second day of May, A.D. 1882, when, at the time of said view no persons <sup>interested</sup> respecting thereto, said Commissioners do proceed to relocate said highway as follows: to wit: beginning at a stone monument in the Westerly line of First St. thence N.  $61^{\circ} 28'$  E 328.78 ft to a stone monument in the Easterly line of Second St.; thence N.  $67^{\circ} 59'$  E 376.2 ft to a Stone monument thence N.  $37^{\circ} 18'$  E 104.5 ft to a Stone monument thence N.  $26^{\circ} 10'$  E 211.2 ft to a Stone monument in the Easterly line of the Albany turnpike - said St. to be 29.5 ft wide - and on the Easterly side of the above described line. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any, in consequence of this relocation of highway. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of West Springfield cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the fifteenth day of June A.D. 1882.

Leonard Clark

Henry A. Chase

Levi F. Root

} County  
Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.



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James Mc Donald.  
Pds for release from  
the House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the third day of March (eighteen hundred and eighty two), James Mc Donald of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of the City of Springfield, for the term of six months for the crime of Drunkenness, and that said Mc Donald has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Mc Donald, to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

A. M. Bradley

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the second day of May, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Willie Royce, application as an Innholder in Wales  
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We the subscribers, a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Wales, do hereby certify that Willie Royce has applied to us to be recommended as an Innholder and Common Victualler to be carried on in his Hotel building situated on the West side of Main Street in the center Village in said Town, and that after mature consideration had thereon at a Meeting held for that purpose at which we were each of us present; We are of the opinion that the public good requires that the petition of said Willie Royce be granted, he being to the best of our knowledge and belief a person of good moral character.

Wales, April 1<sup>st</sup> 1882.

A. B. Johnson	} Selectmen of Wales
J. O. Lamy	
P. W. Morse	

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now, it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



## Salary of Jailor

(April 11<sup>th</sup> 1852) Voted, that the Salary of Jailor be fixed at Twelve Hundred dollars per year, with free rent of house, heated and lighted by the County, with privilege of assistance of women prisoners in house work. He to supply his own furniture without charge to the County. Price of Board for officers of the jail to be fixed at Ten dollars per week each.

Salary of Jailor  
fixed by the Super  
ior Court

The following copy of decree is received from the Superior Court:

Solomon C. Spellman, (Pet. for  
increase of Salary)  
vs.

Hampden Co.  
Superior Court  
May Term 1852 Orig.

County Commissioners for County of Hampden May 25. 1852.  
Decree. In the above entitled case it appearing to the Court that the salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum fixed by the County Commissioners as compensation of the jailor is inadequate it is hereby ordered that the salary of the jailor be established at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per year in addition to the perquisites which the jailor now has by vote of said Commissioners.

By the Court

Robert O. Morris Clerk.

Contract for labor of  
prisoners awarded  
to A. F. Ball

(May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853) Due notice for proposals therefor having been issued and published, the contract for the labor of prisoners at the House of Correction is awarded to A. F. Ball, of Springfield, for three years, commencing July 1, 1852, at twenty cents per day for each prisoner, as will appear by the written contract on file.

County Tax  
assessed

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session, May 12<sup>th</sup> 1852, granting a tax of seventy seven thousand dollars, \$77,000 for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said County, in manner following:

Agawam,	1269.92	Barnfield,	590.25
Blandford,	411.58	Cheshire,	554.47



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Whicopee	5777.23	Russell	411.39
Granville	429.27	Southwick	626.02
Holland	135.20	Springfield	39403.21
Holyoke	10302.43	Tolland	232.53
Longmeadow	1359.35	Wales	447.16
Ludlow	554.47	Westfield	7100.81
Mendon	1445.78	West Springfield	2969.11
Montgomery	143.09	Wilbraham	983.74
Palmer	1860.16		

And warrants have been issued dated June 6<sup>th</sup>, eighteen hundred and eighty two, directed to the Selectmen or Treasurers of the several towns and cities in said County, directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and pay the same to M. Wells Bridge, Esquire, County Treasurer, or his successor or order, by the fifteenth day of October, ensuing, as the law directs.

Voted, that M. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, for the purpose of renewing a portion of the amount of note or notes given by the County for the construction of the Bridge over the Connecticut River between Agawam and Springfield called "South End Bridge", a sum of money not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and to make, execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable on or about November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1884 & 1885, to such person, Bank, Institution or Corporation as he shall elect, with interest thereon at such rate as he shall decide, payable semi-annually.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow

Lundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of fifty one hundred and seventy dollars and forty three cents and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts  
\$ 5170.43

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for maut and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of eight dollars and thirty cents.

\$ 8.30



Hampden, ss. June 16, 1882.

Judgment is entered up according to reports ro. and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest.

Robert O. Morris Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty seventh day of June, and by adjournment on the fifth day of July, on the first day of August and on the fifth, seventh, sixteenth days of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Present, Leonard Clark Esq. Chairman

Lewis F. Root.

Henry A. Chase.

} County  
Commissioners.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

S. Augustus Bemis and W. Chaplen Bemis of Springfield in said County Executors of the last will and testament of Stephen C. Bemis late of said Springfield deceased respectfully represent. That the City Council of said Springfield on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year eighteen hundred and seventy four ordered the grade of Liberty street one of the public streets of said city to be changed by lowering the same in that part of it near Chestnut street, for the purpose of repairing said Liberty street, which said work was done and completed on the twenty ninth day of October, A.D. 1874. And your petitioners further represent that at the time when said work was ordered and when it was completed the said Stephen C. Bemis was the owner of a certain lot of land in said Springfield bounded Northernly by said Liberty street, Easternly by land of Charlotte R. Brinsmade, Southernly by land of the West D. H. Ripley, and Westernly by Chestnut street, on which lot there was standing a valuable dwelling house and barn. And your petitioners represent that by reason of said lowering of said Liberty street the said Stephen C. Bemis sustained great damage in his said lot & buildings adjoining said Liberty street for which neither said Stephen in his life time nor the petitioners since his decease have received any compensation. They further say that the said Stephen C. Bemis died on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1875, and your petitioners were duly appointed Executors of his will in March A.D. 1875 and on the twentieth day of September A.D. 1875 they filed their petition with the Mayor & Aldermen of said Springfield for compensation for said damages.

S. Augustus Bemis, Ad.  
Exec. (Per. for a Jury)

The City of Springfield



and on the eighteenth day of October A. D. 1875, the City Council of said City of Springfield by the concurrent action of said Mayor & Aldermen and the Common Council of said City, refused to grant the petitioners any compensation for said damages, and gave them leave to withdraw their petition. For which cause your petitioners being aggrieved by said refusal of said City Council to grant them compensation for said damages, apply to your Hon. Board for a jury to estimate and award them proper and reasonable compensation for said damages. Dated the twenty second day of September in the year eighteen hundred and seventy six.

S. Augustus Bemis } Executors  
W. Chaplin Bemis }

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June and by adjournment on the fourth day of September in the year eighteen hundred and seventy seven, when it was ordered, that the petitioners give notice to the said City of Springfield to appear before the said County Commissioners, at the Court House, in Springfield aforesaid, on Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of September next, at ten o'clock A. M. by serving it with an attested copy of said petition and of this order, fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of September, that it may then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And on said twenty fifth day of September it was ordered that a warrant for a jury be issued. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with costs.

S. Augustus Bemis et al.  
Exrs. (Petrs. for a Jury)

The City of Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden - S. Augustus Bemis & W. Chaplin Bemis of Springfield in said County Executors of the last will and testament of Stephen K. Bemis, late of said Springfield deceased, respectfully represent that the City Council of the City of Springfield on the twenty fourth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and seventy four ordered the grade of Lyman Street, one of the public streets of said City, to be changed by law



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being the same in that part of it near Chestnut Street for the purpose of repairing said Lyman Street, which said work was done and completed on the eleventh day of November A.D. 1874 and your petitioners further represent that at the time when said work was ordered and when it was completed the said Stephen C. Bemis, then in full life, was the owner of a certain lot of land in said Springfield bounded Northerly by said Lyman Street, Easterly by land of John Donahue partly and partly by land of Michael Leonard, Southerly by Taylor Avenue, and Westerly by Chestnut Street, on which lot stood several valuable dwellings houses and other buildings. And your petitioners represent that by reason of said lowering of said Lyman Street the said Stephen C. Bemis sustained great damages in his said lot adjoining said Lyman Street, and in his said buildings on said lot, for which neither the said Stephen in his life, nor your petitioners since his decease have received any compensation. They further represent that the said Stephen C. Bemis died on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1875 and in March A.D. 1875 your petitioners were duly appointed Executors of his will and on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1875 they filed their petition with the Mayor and Aldermen of the said city of Springfield for compensation for said damages, and on the eighteenth day of October A.D. 1875, the City Council of said City of Springfield, by the concurrent action of said Mayor and Aldermen and the Common Council of said City, refused to grant the petitioners any compensation therefor and gave them leave to withdraw their petition. Wherefore your petitioners, being aggrieved apply to your Hon. Board for a jury to estimate and award them proper & reasonable compensation for said damages. Dated this sixth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and seventy six.

S. Augustus Bemis } By Morris & Copeland  
W. Chaplin Bemis } their Attys.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, and was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June and by adjournment on the fourth day of September in the year eighteen hundred and seventy seven when it was ordered, that the petitioners give notice to the said City of Springfield, to appear before the said County Commissioners, at the Court House, in Springfield aforesaid, on Tues-



day the twenty fifth day of September next, at ten o'clock, A. M. by serving it with an attested copy of said petition and of this order, fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of September that it may then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now, it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without costs.

Geo. A. Hill et al., Petrs.  
for a new highway in  
West Springfield

Hampden

County

To the County Commissioners

The undersigned citizens of West Springfield respectfully represent that public convenience requires that a highway be laid out and constructed within the town of West Springfield, said way to extend from a point at or near the Rail Road Depot in the Village of Hittineague along the line of the Boston and Albany Railroad and near the same to a point at the Western extremity of the old commons, near the residence of David Ashby. And your petitioners respectfully ask that said premises be received, that a hearing be had and such further action taken as may be deemed proper to the end that a road be laid out and constructed as above proposed.

Geo. A. Hill, and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises, and directed notice of the same to be given. And at a regular adjourned meeting of said Commissioners hold at said Springfield on the seventeenth day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty two it was ordered that the petitioners give notice to the said Boston and Albany Railroad Company to appear before the said County Commissioners at the Station of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in Hittineague, in West Springfield aforesaid, on Thursday, the ninth day of February, next, at 9½ o'clock, A. M. by serving it with an attested copy of said petition and this order, fourteen days at least before the said ninth day of February, that it may then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.



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and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
Respectfully represent the Selectmen of the town of Wilbraham in said County that they are of opinion that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that alterations should be made in the method of crossing the "Boston Road" so called - by the Boston and Albany Rail Road in said Wilbraham near Stearns corner, and at a point about one mile east of said Stearns corner - Therefore they pray that such alteration shall be made in said crossings as shall to your honorable board seem proper.

Marcus J. Deane } Selectmen  
A. Jackson Blanchard } of Wilbraham

Selectmen of Wilbraham  
Petition for crossing of the  
"Boston Road" in Wilbraham.

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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the eighteenth day of April then next and 7 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Station of the Boston and Albany Rail Road Company in Indian Orchard, as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Wilbraham, and upon the Boston and Albany Rail Road Company, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and hearing; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and hearing; and before said view and hearing were had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view and hearing. And on the said eighteenth day of April the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and hear the parties, and having viewed, and having heard the



parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge, decree and determine that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made in the method of said crossings and said commissioners did then and there announce their decision accordingly and now on this twentieth day of September, eighteen hundred and eighty two, said commissioners do prescribe the manner and limits within which said alteration shall be made as follows, to wit: Description of a change made in the Boston Road at Milbraham near the house of P. Moren. Commencing at a point in the Northern line of the Boston & Albany Railroad location South  $62^{\circ}$  West of a stone monument on the North side of the Boston road, said monument being 278 feet Easterly of another stone monument on the North side of the Boston road that stands in a line with the East side of P. Moren's barn. Thence running South  $62^{\circ}$  West across the Boston & Albany Railroad and at right angle therewith 18  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet to a stone monument - Thence South  $83^{\circ}$  East about 430 feet parallel with and 99 feet from the Southern line of location of the Boston & Albany Railroad to the Boston road. The above described line being the Westerly & Southerly line of road, said road being laid four rods wide across the Boston & Albany Railroad for a distance of five rods and Easterly of above West line, and six rods wide and Northernly of above South line - for 430 feet to the Boston road. The Bridge over the Railroad to be located in the center of the road - and to be 20 feet in the clear between the side fences, said fences to be five feet high and close boarded. The abutments to be placed 15 feet from the center line of the railroad measured at its grade line and of sufficient height that there shall be not less than 18 feet of clear height from the top of the rails to the bottom of the bridge. The Bridge to be of sufficient strength to carry with safety eighty pounds to the square foot of surface. The grade of the center of the road to be as follows viz. commencing at a point in the present grade of the Boston road in a line with the East side of P. Moren's Barn then rise 4.5 feet per 100 feet going Easterly 330 feet to the bridge over the railroad then level across the bridge. Then fall 4.3 feet per 100 feet to the present grade of the Boston road. So much of the Boston road at the present grade crossing Easterly of P. Moren's house as lies within the five rods location of the Boston & Albany Railroad is to be discontinued whenever the change is finished for travel. Description of the road



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land from the Jenksville road near the house of Mrs. Stevens to the Boston road East of Thomas Patterson's house. Commencing at a stone monument on the East side of the Jenksville road 307½ feet North-ely of the center line of the Boston & Albany Railroad measured at right angle therewith - Thence running North 86½° East 1420 feet parallel with and 209½ feet from said center line of railroad to the Boston road. The above described line is the Northerly line of said road, said road being laid 50 feet wide and Southerly of above line. Grade of the center of the road to be as follows, viz: commencing at the present height of the center of the Jenksville road and going Easterly fall 3.7 feet per 100 feet for 220 feet then level for 50 feet then rise 2.8 feet per 100 feet for 180 feet - then fall 0.3 per 100 feet for 300 feet, then rise 0.6 feet per 100 feet for 250 feet, then fall 0.28 feet per 100 for 420 feet to the center and present grade of the Boston road. Also another portion of this road leading from the above described road to the Boston road near the house of Michael Power commencing at a stone monument standing on the Northerly side of the Boston road about 37 feet Easterly of the East side of the Jenksville road. thence running North 3¼° West 260½ feet to the South side of above described road, passing under the Boston & Albany Railroad at right angle therewith. The above described line is the Easterly line of road said road being laid 50 feet wide and Westerly thereof with an additional width South of the Boston & Albany Railroad included within the following described boundaries, viz: on the North by the Boston & Albany Railroad, on the South by the Boston road on the West by the Jenksville road, on the East by the above described East line. The abutments of the Bridge where the road passes under the Railroad must not be less than 20 feet apart at the grade of the travel road, and have a clear space of 14 feet in height under the bridge. Grade of the center of the road to commence at the present grade of the center of the Jenksville road in a line with the North side of Michael Power's house then fall 5.25 feet per 100 feet 190 feet, then level under the Bridge for 30 feet then rise 4.1 feet per 100 feet for 144 feet to the grade of the before described road. So much of the Boston road as lies between the South line of the Boston & Albany Railroad location and the West line of the road leading to Jenksville that runs East of Thomas Patterson's house is discontinued. Also so much of the Jenksville road near & Northerly of Mrs. Stevens' house as lies within the fire road location of the Boston



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and Albany railroad, is discontinued when the new road is completed for travel. And now it is ordered that the east town of Wilbraham cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Wilbraham to be worked made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows, to wit: The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stones stumps and roots. The top soil where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used as an embankment; if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least 12 inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 20 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam six inches thick, and afterward with a top covering of six inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 9 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 20 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches; so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 20 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of, and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 20 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty five degrees, or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or road line of the crown of the road; they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the



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road, without unnecessary curvatures in their directions, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface, in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable from its irregularities, to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditches will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills, where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavations, the road must be crowned, in manner before mentioned, from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty five degrees; where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveller; the railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles not less in any part than four inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and embedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. When the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splittings of said railing must be made on the summit or top of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or posts, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splitting. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good or a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without



in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 20 feet for the travelled part of the road. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required), said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendicular; the road need be widened to no greater width than twenty-four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the travelled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial, well-laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a crowning of the road of inches in addition; except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each exceed three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak three inch planks. Whenever a bridge is covered with planks the top of the planing must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly imbedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edges of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm straight stone sides or abutments not less than two feet apart, and of suitable height, and be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material; and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned 9 inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge, and the said culverts when placed on must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building, in the best shape for placing in



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a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect, otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto; provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, culverts shall be constructed for that purpose.

Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling-house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely require it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the roads aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections therewith as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. From the westerly side of the proposed bridge near P. Moran's house and between the railroad and highway a tight board fence five feet high running as far as the grade is changed shall be built. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge there be paid to Mrs. Brown, \$50, Michael Powers \$25, Sudlow Mfg. Co. \$25, and the sum of one Hundred and Fifty Dollars, \$150, to Thomas Patterson, the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing location. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners none other being entitled to damages, none others are awarded.

Lemard Clark }  
H. A. Chase } County  
L. F. Root } Commissioners

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted.

For Amendment - See Page 237.



Minor Hitchcock et al  
Petrs. for approval of a  
loomway in Hampden

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the undersigned, voters and tax payers in the town of Hampden, in said County. That the Selectmen of said town of Hampden, in March A.D. 1882 laid out a town-way in said town from a point near the barn lately owned by A. C. Sisson, Northerly to the house of A. L. Bueligh in said town of Hampden, and that the said town unreasonably refuses to approve and allow said way. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board will view said premises and approve and allow the way as laid out by said Selectmen.

Hampden, April 8. 1882

Minor Hitchcock and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises, and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with costs.

David R. Mc Bray et al  
Petrs. for a new high  
way in Hampden.

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the subscribers inhabitants and tax payers of the Town of Hampden in said County that they are of opinion that the public interest requires a road from a point about thirty rods South of the House of David R. Mc Bray running North east across the land of said Mc Bray and land of Daniel Flynn to the old road by the house of said Flynn. The Selectmen of Hampden having refused to lay said road as the accompanying statement signed by the chairman of said board of Selectmen will show. Wherefore they pray your honorable body to view said premises at your earliest convenience with a view to laying said road. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Hampden April 14 /82

David R. Mc Bray and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises, and directed notice of



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the same to be given; and this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with costs.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, citizens of Chicopee and Springfield in said county, respectfully represent that the highway leading from Chicopee Falls in said Chicopee to the village of Indian Orchard in said Springfield, particularly in the part thereof just eastward of said Chicopee Falls is obstructed, and of uncertain width, and grade and is in need of relocation. Therefore, they respectfully pray your Honorable Board to view the premises - and to locate anew the said highway, for the purpose of establishing the boundary lines of such highway and of making such alterations in the course or width thereof as the public safety and convenience may require.

Dated at Chicopee 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1882

George McQuinn and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the thirteenth day of June then next and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Hotel Hotel, in Chicopee Falls, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served up on the clerks of the town of Chicopee and the city of Springfield, being the towns and city within which such relocation and alteration are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town of Chicopee and the city of Springfield, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on said thirteenth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded

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Pet. for relocation & alteration of highway in Chicopee



id to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and no persons interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity requires that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this fifth day of September, A. D. 1882, when said Commissioners do proceed to locate said alterations as follows, to wit: Commencing at a stone monument at the corner of Bridge and Front streets in said Chicopee and running on said Front street S.  $81^{\circ}$  E. 960 ft. to a stone monument; thence South  $65^{\circ} 40'$  East 406 ft. to a stone monument; thence South  $71^{\circ} 40'$  East 1172 ft. to a stone monument; thence South  $69^{\circ}$  East 594  $\frac{1}{2}$  ft. to a stone monument; thence South  $65^{\circ} 10'$  East 876 ft. to a stone monument; thence South  $71^{\circ} 2'$  East 3013 ft. to a stone monument at the intersection of said Front street with the Springfield road. The foregoing line is run on the North side of said Front street and the road is laid out three rods wide. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this relocation of highway. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Chicopee, <sup>and city of Springfield</sup> cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1882. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the twentieth day of September A. D. 1882, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom.

Leonard Clark

Henry A. Chase

L. F. Root

} County

} Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.



To the honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden,  
We the undersigned citizens of the County of Hampden respectfully  
represent that a road laid from the River road (so called) near  
a Pine tree to intersect with the road as laid by you, under  
the Boston and Albany road near Storers corner (so called)  
would be of great convenience to the public. We therefore ask that  
your honorable board will lay said road, and make such other  
alterations and relocations including discontinuance of roads as  
public convenience and necessity may require.

Wilbraham June 15<sup>th</sup> 1882.

M. F. Belbe and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting where the Com-  
missioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday  
the twenty eighth day of July then next and eight o'clock in the  
forenoon, at the Indian Orchard Depot of the Boston and Albany  
Rail Road Company in Springfield as the time and place for view-  
ing the premises and hearing all parties interested, and caused a copy  
of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Wilbra-  
ham and upon the Boston and Albany Rail Road Company, being  
the town within which such location is prayed for, thirty days  
at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused  
abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be post-  
ed in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all  
persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published  
three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a news-  
paper published in said County, said posting and the last publi-  
cation of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the  
time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said  
Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the for-  
going notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time  
and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty  
eighth day of July, the Commissioners met at the time and place  
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and hear the parties  
interested, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then de-  
termined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and  
having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to con-  
sider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after  
considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said  
Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that com-  
mon convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the pe-  
tition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings

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in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this sixteenth day of September A.D. 1852, when said Commissioners do proceed to locate said highway as follows: Description of road laid out at Wilbraham on petition of Reber and others. Commencing at a stone monument on the North side of the road leading from the Jenksville road to the Roston road and 5 feet East of a point in a line with the East line of road passing under the Roston & Albany Railroad - Thence running North  $8^{\circ} 10'$  East 265 feet to a stone monument standing South  $69^{\circ} 4'$  East 54 feet from the center of a large oak. Thence North  $32^{\circ} - 05'$  East 478 feet to a stone monument standing on the South side the road leading to Jenksville near Mr. Brigham's house and North  $32^{\circ} 1/2'$  West of a pine tree near a Spring. The above described line is the East line of road, said road being laid 50 feet wide and West of said line. Grade of road as follows viz. Commencing at a point in the center of road at the above first mentioned stone and going Northward fall 0.8 feet per 100 feet for 375 feet. Then fall 2 feet per 100 feet for 200 feet. Then fall 2 feet per 100 feet for 100 feet to the road leading to Jenksville raising the Jenksville road about two feet above its present grade at this point. There is to be a twelve inch sewer pipe laid in this road from a point three feet below the grade of the road passing under the Roston & Albany Railroad, and falling 0.3 feet per 100 for 500 feet then 0.5 feet per 100 feet for 500 feet passing under the road leading to Jenksville to carry off the surface at the bridge under Railroad. And now it is ordered that the said town of Wilbraham cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the said town of Wilbraham to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner, and as follows, to wit: "The said road must be thoroughly ploughed, where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of stones, stumps, and roots. The top soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road, must be removed out of the traveled way, or may be used in embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character, a top covering of at least 12 inches of good gravel or some other good material (the best that can be obtained in the vicinity, whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 20 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the subsoil is sand, the said traveled part of the road, after



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being properly graded, must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of loam 6 inches thick and afterward with a top covering of 6 inches of good gravel, or some other good material, spread evenly over its whole surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the exterior of the sides of the traveled part thereof to its center to the height of 9 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 20 feet, exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches; so that carriages and teams may pass with safety and convenience over any and every part of the 20 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the center of and parallel to its location, without any regard to the additional widths laid out for material in constructing the roads, except near its angles, which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable. In grading the road, care must be taken to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned. The side ditches where they are needed, must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 20 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty four degrees, or two and one half feet slope to one foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or chord line of the crown of the road, they must be worked parallel with the center line of the traveled part of the road, without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a smooth even surface in the direction of the road, towards the point of discharge in such manner that no water can permanently stand by the road side. Over swamp or meadow land where the road is made by embankment, and is liable from its weight to settle or sink through the mud, the side ditch will in no instance be allowed. On the side of hills where the road is made partly by embankment and partly by excavation, the road must be crowned, in manner before mentioned from the edge of the interior slope of the ditch on the uphill side to the center, and from thence to the exterior or downhill side must be made nearly or quite level. All sides of excavations or embankments, where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not exceeding forty five degrees; where the materials are loose gravel or sand, the angle must not exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line, or two feet slope to one to one foot rise. Said road must be firmly and substantially



railed, where railing is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveler, the railing must consist of straight handsome chestnut poles, not less in any part than five inches in diameter, and be securely fastened with iron bolts to stone or chestnut posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than eight inches in diameter, and imbedded in the earth or embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from center to center. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial well-laid stone walls, stones two feet high above the face of the road, and not less than eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be substituted for the stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or splicings of said railing must be made on the summit or tips of some one of the stone supports aforesaid, by chamfering the joining ends of each of said poles or joists, at least one foot in length, in such manner that the chamfered faces will fit and lie close together, with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the center of said joining or splicing. Or a stone wall built in a substantial and workmanlike manner, two and a half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top, and placed on a good bank wall, may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of earth slopes must be worked sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing, to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with the interior or inside thereof not less than 2 feet within the edge of the slope of the embankment, and without, in any manner obstructing or interfering with said 20 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the sides of embankments are constructed or secured with substantial, well laid stone walls instead of the earth slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be obtained at a reasonable expense, this kind of structure will be required,) said walls must be battered back towards the embankment from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to one foot in height, the inner face thereof being perpendicular; the road need be worked to no greater width than twenty four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be constructed with substantial well laid stone abutments, and be covered with the same material, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and a crowning of the road.



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of 9 inches in addition; except the span of the arch or arches of a bridge, each needs three feet in the clear, when it may be covered with good chestnut or white oak, three inch planks. Whenever a bridge is covered with planks the top of the plank must be at grade, and a stick of chestnut timber ten inches on the bottom and inside and sloping to eight inches on the outside thereof must be firmly embedded upon each side of the bridge for securing the edge of the plank against any injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge. All necessary sluiceways must be made of the same length as the bridge, and be measured in the same manner, with good, firm, straight stone sides, or abutments not less than two feet apart, and of suitable height, and be covered with the same materials, with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said sluiceways must be crowned 9 inches in addition. The owners of land over which said road is located, retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts, or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience, provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road, as hereafter described, and construct said culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge; and the said culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such owners, their heirs or assigns, in good repair, and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the traveler. In grading the road aforesaid, care must be used in front of any dwelling house or other building where an excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building, in the best shape for placing in a bank wall if the owner of said building shall so elect, otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto, provided, however, when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling house or other building, it must be constructed and sloped on that side of the traveled way nearest said building in such manner as to render the road safe without the aid of railing, (for in such case no railing can be allowed,) and in such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present shape as may be. Trees that have been planted or reared beside the proposed traveled way by the owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the purpose



they yield, or the shade and ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent, are not to be removed or injured, unless the construction and safety of the road absolutely requires it. And it is further ordered that all other roads crossing, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so raised or lowered and so widened at the points of their said crossings, intersections or connections therewith as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for the traveler. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of

One Hundred Dollars to Mrs. Brown, \$100.00

the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by her in consequence of the foregoing location. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land over which the foregoing location of highway is made, are allowed until the first day of October, A. D. 1882, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Milbraham cause the foregoing location of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of July, A. D. 1883.

Leland Clark

H. A. Chase

L. F. Root

County

Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

Contract for furnishing the Court House, House of Correction, and Truant School with coal, awarded Romie & Collins

Due notices for proposals therefor having been issued and published the contract for furnishing the Court House, House of Correction and Truant School with coal is awarded to Romie & Collins (June 27th, 1882.)

Location of highway on petition of Mahlon Haley & others

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined through out, the highway in Tolland, located and ordered upon the petition of Mahlon Haley and others, <sup>(Presented October Meeting, 1881)</sup> and having found the same well



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constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

The County Commissioners, having viewed and carefully examined through out the highway in Palmer, located and ordered upon the petition of O. R. Smith and others, (Finished October Meeting, 1877) and it also having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Ordered, that N. Wells Bridge, Esq. County Treasurer, be and he is hereby appointed, an Agent to sell and to make, execute and deliver by deed with covenants of warranty, for the sum of sixteen thousand dollars the land with the building thereon, known as the old Court House property, situated on the corner of Court Street, in said Springfield, and the way west of Court Square leading from said Court Street to Elm Street.

Appointment of N. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, to sell the old Court House property.



Witness our hands and the seal of said County, at Springfield, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Leonard Blake } County  
Lewis F. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

To N. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of Hampden County.

County Treasurer authorized.

In case the property known as "The Old Court House property" should be sold by you as agent of said County under the authority which we have this day given, You are hereby ordered to transfer the amount for which it shall be sold from your account as County Treasurer to your account as Treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said County and to hold the same subject to order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said County.

To N. Wells Bridge, Treasurer of Hampden County.

County Treasurer authorized to

In case you should make sale of the old Court House property so called, under the authority we have this day given you, you



are hereby authorized and decreed, (in case the purchaser shall deem) to make from the Sinking Fund for said County a loan of a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars to said purchaser upon Note for such amount payable to the Commissioners of said Fund, or order, on demand with interest at five per cent. per annum, payable semi annually on the first day of June and December in each year secured by power of sale mortgage of said old Court House property. Given under our hands at Springfield this first day of August. A D 1852

Order as to the violation of the Rules of the House of Correction by Geo H Lee

Ordered, That under the Provisions of Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter 222 of the Public Statutes in the case of George H Lee, who escaped from the House of Correction, that all deductions said Lee was entitled to before his escape be allowed him, and no more.

General Order as to the violation of rules of the House of Correction

Ordered, That under the Provisions of Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter 222, of the Public Statutes, that in case of the violation of the Rules of the House of Correction, in said County, by any prisoner and such prisoner be punished by confinement to solitary imprisonment, there shall be forfeited from the time which otherwise would be deducted from the term of the imprisonment as much time as such prisoner shall have been so confined, unless specially otherwise ordered by said Commissioners

Accounts.

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The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiner for visits and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers, and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of four dollars and thirty cents

10600.62

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed amounting to the sum of ten thousand six hundred dollars and sixty two cents and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

Hampden, ss. September 7, 1852.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued



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and the meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Robert O. Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held  
in at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of  
October, being the third day of said month, and by adjournment on  
the eighth day of November, and on the fifth day of December, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Present: Leonard Clark, Esq. Chairman

Samuel F. Root.

Henry A. Chase.

County  
Commissioners.

Plan and Specification for  
Building a Reservoir Dam  
at Haggards Pond, Russell,  
Mass.

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Work to be done. The work to be done under this specification consists  
of building a Dam of stone masonry and earth work at the outlet of  
Haggards Pond in the town of Russell, Mass. together with an Over-  
flow, culvert, and Gate Wells, and furnishing and laying an Out-  
let Pipe with Gates.

Plans. The Plans furnished show the general arrangement and dimen-  
sions of the different parts of the work and together with the figures  
thereon are to be taken as forming a part of this specification.

Location. The location and height of the Dam, Gate Wells, and Out-  
let Pipe will be determined by the engineer in charge.

Foundations. The foundation trench for the center and culvert walls,  
Gate Wells, and puddled earth work is to be carried to such depth  
as may be required by Engineer in charge and no work is to be  
laid thereon until the foundation shall have been inspected and  
approved by said engineer.

Stone Masonry. The center culvert and wing walls of the Dam, and  
walls of the Gate wells will be built of Rubble stone work finish-  
ed on the outside, and the center thoroughly grouted with grout  
composed of one part of freshly burned Hoffman's Portland cement  
to two parts of clean, sharp, sand, thoroughly incorporated, worked to  
the proper consistency with water and poured into the work without  
being allowed to settle in the box. The work must be grouted at  
every two feet in height of the walls.

Rubble Work. Dry Rubble work of large loose stone is to be laid be-  
tween the wing walls of the Overflow as shown on Plan to receive  
the overfall from the Reservoir.

Overflow. The Overflow is to be finished at the top with large flat  
stones not less than six inches thick and extending across the entire  
thickness of the walls.



Earth work The puddled earth work is to be 11 feet in thickness on each side of the center wall and around the Gate Well and is to extend the entire length of the dam and from the lowest part of the foundation trench to the top of the stone work. The material for the puddled work is to be such as will be approved by the engineer and is to be spread in the trench with chovels while the bottom is kept constantly covered with water. The surface of the ground covered by the earth slopes, outside of the puddled work is to be cleared of all soil, loose material, stones & roots, and the slopes carried up with horizontal layers of earth work, not exceeding six inches in thickness, free from stones, roots & stumps, each layer to be thoroughly saturated with water while being put on, and the earth banks carried up level and left smooth and uniform on the surface.

Rip Rap Work The inside or water slope of the dam is to be covered with overlapped or shingled rip rap work of stone, not less than one foot in thickness, carried up to the crest of the dam on a uniform grade and line and finished level at the top with a course of large flat stone.

Culvert A culvert extending from the Gate well through the inside slope of the dam is to be built as shown on plans and the top covered with flat stones not less than eight inches thick.

Outlet pipe The Outlet Pipe is to be of 7 lengths of 12 feet each, cast iron 12 inches in diameter inside measurement with bell and flange ends, weighing not less than 750 pounds per length, and furnished with a 12 inch "Ludlow" or "Chapman" Gate set in the Gate well and connected with the pipe. The joints in the pipe are to be made with clean round hemp gaskets, driven tightly with a hammer and sett, and filling one third of the depth of the bell when firmly compressed. After this sufficient lead must be run in place at one flange to leave the joint full and flush when set and finished.

Strainers There are to be two strainers in the upper Gate Well, with <sup>bell</sup> frames sliding in cast iron ways bolted to the sides of the gate well. The length of the strainer frames will be one foot more than the perpendicular distance from the level of the overflow to the bottom of the Gate well. The size of the meshes in the strainers will be determined by the Owner of the Reservoir.

Gate There is to be a cast iron gate not less than 18 inches square set in the upper gate well and sliding in cast iron ways bolted to the stone masonry. The gate stem & frame at the



tops will be of Yellow Pine and furnished with a lever, racks and pinions for hoisting.

Final Clause All work done and materials furnished under this specification must be of the best of their several kinds and subject at all times to the supervision and inspection of the engineer in charge whose directions and instructions must be followed in every part of the work and the whole completed in accordance with the manifest intent and purpose of this specification and to the acceptance of the Hampden County Commissioners, the Proprietors of the River and said Engineer on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> 1882.

The foregoing specifications together with the plans of the work, were duly filed with, and approved by the Commissioners, and the Commissioners having inspected the work during its progress found that said plan and specifications were faithfully adhered to and the said plans and specifications are ordered to be recorded.

John Doud, Pet. for release from the House of Correction

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To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
The undersigned citizens of Holyoke in said County respectfully represent that upon information and inquiry made by them they are of opinion that John Doud of said Holyoke who is now confined in the jail at Springfield has reformed and is willing and desirous to return to an orderly course of life wherefore they request that he may be discharged from confinement upon probation.  
Holyoke September 28<sup>th</sup> 1882

R. P. Crafts and others

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now to wit on the fifth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty two it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Resolutions

Miles Morgan's Statue

Messrs Leonard Black

L. E. Root

Henry A. Chase

& Hon<sup>ble</sup> Edwin H. Ladd, Mayor of Springfield, Mass.  
Gentlemen

Commissioners of  
Hampden County

I beg you to accept the Statue just erected in Court Square as a memorial of my ancestor Miles Morgan, one of the early settlers of Springfield. I hope that this act may serve



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others to perpetuate in like manner the memory of many worthy forefathers, before records or traditions undiluted as they are, shall have been lost. I trust gentlemen that you will be pleased with this work of Mr. J. S. Hildy, who I think has shown himself to be a sculptor of the first rank.

I am your obedient servant

H. T. Morgan

New York, October 27th, 1882

Resolved, That we, as representatives of the County of Hampden tender the grateful thanks of the County to Mr. Henry T. Morgan of New York for the elegant and appropriate statue of his ancestor which he has erected upon the public grounds of the County in the City of Springfield, and appreciating the public spirit and munificence of the donor and desiring to express in a lasting form our gratitude to him, we direct that this resolution be extended upon the permanent records of the County, and that a copy be forwarded to Mr. Henry T. Morgan.

Leonard Clark } County  
Henry A. Chase } Commissioners  
Lewis F. Root }

(Oct. 3<sup>d</sup>, 1882.) The Rev. Joseph Scott is hereby appointed Chaplain of the Jail and House of Correction, in Springfield, to provide for all moral and religious instruction, for the prisoners confined therein.

The County Commissioners having viewed and carefully examined throughout the highway in Chicopee, located and ordered upon the petitions of George McQueen and others, (Finished June Meeting, 1882) and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway on  
Petition of George McQueen  
et al.

Sanitary accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of seven thousand five hundred fifty eight dollars and twenty nine cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts  
\$7558.29



Hampden, ss Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 1889.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest.

Robert O Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty sixth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Present Leonard Clark Chairman

Lewis F. Root

Henry A. Chase

} County

} Commissioners.

and by adjournment on the third and sixteenth days of January, on the sixth day of February, on the twenty eighth day of February, on the sixth day of March, and on the third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

Present Leonard Clark Chairman

Lewis F. Root

Henry A. Chase

} County

} Commissioners.

Leonard Clark, Esquire, of Springfield, having been declared by the board of Examiners elected County Commissioners for the term of three years, and having been duly sworn, appears on the said third day of January, and the board consisting of Leonard Clark, Lewis F. Root and Henry A. Chase Esquires, proceed to the choice of a chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three, of which Leonard Clark has two, and is chosen chairman of the board for the year ensuing.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners within and for the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the undersigned citizens of Westfield in said County that John Davidson of said Westfield was on the fifth day of November last past committed to the house of Correction in said County for the term of two months for the crime of drunkenness that they believe that his reformation is as complete now as it would be at the termination of his sentence, and that his release before the expiration of his sentence would have a better effect upon him than remaining his full time. They therefore

John Davidson Pet.  
for release from House  
of Correction



pray that you will issue to him a permit to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Wadfield Dec. 23<sup>d</sup> 1882.

H. Foster and others.

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting and now, to wit on the twenty sixth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty two, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Andrew Remee Peti.  
for release from House  
of Correction

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To the Hon. the County Commissioners of Hampden County.  
Your petitioner respectfully represents that she is the wife of Andrew Remee who on the fourth day of Sept 1882 was sentenced to imprisonment in the house of Correction in said County for a period of one year from said date. That she is poor, and at the present time sick, so that she recently has been under the care of a physician (City physician F. Rice). That while her husband is imprisoned she has no means of support except her own labor. That she has a child four years old. That she has been obliged to ask for assistance from the Relief Association and has received aid from them within the past month. That her husband is not habitually intemperate. That at intervals of several months he has had "spree" and become intoxicated, but that between such "spree" of short duration he has abstained entirely from the use of intoxicating drinks - and your petitioner believes if her said husband is permitted to be at liberty from this time forward he will abstain entirely from all intoxicating drinks. That she fully believes that he has reformed. And your petitioner further represents that her said husband's health is now poor and that his imprisonment is seriously affecting his health. That he is a man of industrious habits and can obtain employment (even as released) from his former employer W. H. Wright. Your petitioner is therefore humbly prays that considering the above facts the said Andrew Remee may be permitted to go at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Anna Remee

We the undersigned citizens respectfully represent that they are acquainted with said Andrew Remee and believe the above statement of his wife to be true, and they earnestly recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

W. H. Wright and others.



December Meeting 1882

The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now to wit, on the third day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty two, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To Mr. Wells Bridge Treasurer of Hampden County.

You are hereby ordered to transfer from the Funds in your hands as County Treasurer to your account as Treasurer of the Sinking Fund of said County, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and to hold the same subject to order from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said County.  
Springfield, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1882.

County Treasurer authorized to transfer funds to Sinking Fund.

Voted: That Mr. Wells Bridge County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County and in anticipation of the County Tax a sum of money not exceeding Seventy five thousand Dollars and to make, execute and deliver note or notes to that amount payable during the month of October next to the order of such Bank Institution, Corporation or Individual as he the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow in anticipation of County Tax.

The votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Hampden being examined and counted on the first Wednesday of January, A.D. 1883, it appears that James E. Russell, of Springfield has thirteen thousand three hundred and two votes, James A. Russell of Springfield two hundred and eighty six votes, James L. Brown of Springfield, seventy four votes, Edward Ingersoll, of Springfield, six votes and Mr. Wells Bridge, of Springfield, one vote. James E. Russell is declared to be elected, and now appears, is sworn and give bonds for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

James E. Russell elected Register of Deeds.

The votes for County Treasurer having been also examined and counted on the same day, it appears that Mr. Wells Bridge, of Springfield has seven thousand one hundred and ten votes, James W. Risham, of Springfield, six thousand five hundred and sixty six votes, Mr. W. Bridge, of Springfield, one vote, James W. Risham, of Springfield, one vote and James

Mr. Wells Bridge elected County Treasurer.



Arritt, of Westfield, six votes. Mr. Willie Bridge, of Springfield, having received the highest number of votes, is declared to be elected, and now appears, is sworn, and gives bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

Offal sold to J.D. Thatcher

(Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1853) The offal at the House of Correction was sold to J.D. Thatcher for one hundred dollars for one year.

Contract for ice awarded Massachusetts Ice Co

(April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853) Contract for furnishing Jail and Court House with ice, for the year, awarded the Massachusetts Ice Co at Fifty Dollars.

Contract for blinde awarded T.M. Walker & Co

(April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853) Contract for furnishing the County Insane School with blinde, awarded T.M. Walker & Co

Sheep Damages

The sum of Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and Sixty seven cents is allowed for damages done to sheep and other domestic animals by dogs, and for services performed under Chapter 102 of the Public Statutes, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said act.

Apportionment of Dog Tax, refunded to towns

The County Commissioners having apportioned the moneys received under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the Public Statutes not expended in the payment of damages done by dogs, order that the same, amounting to the sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred and Four Dollars and Ninety five cents, be paid to the treasurers of the several cities and towns of the County, in the proportions following, viz.

To the Treasurer of	Agawam	\$ 113.68
" " "	Andover	67.75
" " "	Brimfield	66.75
" " "	Cheshire	79.55
" " "	Chicopee	239.55
" " "	Danvers	62.50
" " "	Hampden	81.53
" " "	Holland	7.44



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To the Treasurer of Kithyke	575.12
" " " " Longwood	103.66
" " " " Ludlow	107.13
" " " " Monson	257.58
" " " " Montgomery	32.24
" " " " Palmer	205.33
" " " " Russell	42.26
" " " " Southwick	75.36
" " " " Springfield	1307.35
" " " " Tolland	38.19
" " " " Wales	48.10
" " " " Westfield	476.20
" " " " West Springfield	317.23
" " " " Wilbraham	91.75
	<u>\$4304.95</u>

Estimated expenses of the County of Hampden for the year 1873 with the amount necessary to be raised by Tax.

County Estimate

For payment of Juries	7000.00
" services of Jurors	300.00
" Officers of Court & meals of Jurors	2000.00
" Salaries of Special & County Commissioners	1600.00
" " " Sheriff & Treasurer	2400.00
" Land Damages	1200.00
" Pub. Commissioners' Notices	300.00
" Surveys of Highways	200.00
" Construction of Highways & Monuments	2500.00
" Medical Examiners	1200.00
" Salaries of Messenger & Engineer at Court House	1600.00
" Record Books & Stationery	1200.00
" Law Library	800.00
" Repairs - Court House	500.00
" Fuel and Lights "	1500.00
" Clerk of Court & Legal Expenses	500.00
" Criminal Costs	7000.00
" Interest on County Notes	14000.00
" Auditors of Court	500.00
" Poorhouse Cases	1000.00
" Payment of Funded Debt	10000.00
" Bills already drawn on the Treasury	300.00



For Tuamot School - less Receipts	3,000.00
Salaries of the Justices of the Police Courts of Springfield, Holyoke & Chicopee	4300.00
Salary of the Justice of the Eastern Hampden District Court	800.00
Salaries of the Clerks of the Police Courts of Springfield and Holyoke	1750.00
For Services of the Special Justices of the Police & District Courts	500.00
At Jail and House of Correction	
For Provisions	700.00
• Clothing	600.00
• Fuel and Lights	2500.00
• Beds and Bedding	300.00
• Salaries of Officers	4500.00
• Board of Officers & Employees	800.00
• Repairs	1000.00
• Instruction	300.00
• Furniture & Utensils	200.00
• Miscellaneous Expenses Water Rent	500.00
• Medicine & Medical Attendance	300.00
Total Estimate	\$7000.00
Deduct estimated receipts for labor of Prisoners.	6000.00
Amount called for by Tax	\$1000.00

Leonard Black }  
 Henry A. Chace } County  
 Lewis F. Root } Commissioners

### Accounts

\$5860.39

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of fifty eight hundred and sixty dollars and thirty nine cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

\$4.30

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers, and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of four dollars and thirty cents.



December Meeting

Hampden, ss April 3, 1887

Judgment is entered up according to reports rec. and  
all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and  
this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:

Robert O Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the tenth day of said month, and by adjournments on the first and tenth days of May, and on the fifth and eighth days of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

Frederic Leonard Clark Chairman  
 Lucie F. Root  
 Henry A. Chase } County  
 Commissioners

Thomas F. McMaindale  
 Petitioner for relocation of highway in Westfield

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
 Respectfully represent the subscribers, inhabitants of Westfield in said County that a certain highway in said Westfield called Noble Street, leading from Main Street to Silver Street, is crooked, narrow and its boundaries and monuments uncertain. Wherefore your petitioners pray that a view may be had of the premises, and said highway widened, relocated and monumented across Westfield Sept. 27. 1880.

Thomas F. McMain and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Saturday, the seventh day of October then next and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Noble District School House, in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Western Hampden Times and News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at



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least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said seventh day of October, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twelfth day of December, then next and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the North District School House, in said Westfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said relocation, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as so by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said twelfth day of December, met and proceeded to relocate, and the further consideration of the matter was continued to the next regular meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this meeting held on this fifth day of June, A.D. 1863, when the Commissioners file their location report as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the North side of Lion Street near the south-west corner of Wm<sup>e</sup> Main land: Thence North 44° East about 7 feet on said Wm<sup>e</sup> Main to center of Stone Monument thence on same course 42.3.2 feet over land of said Wm<sup>e</sup> Main, South Street, Town of Westfield, and Estate of Wells Noble to center of Stone Monument: thence North 41° East 252.6 feet over land of A. C. Smith to center Stone monument on South side of Old Town Road: Thence beginning at the center of stone monument on North side of Old Road, which is the South West corner of Jane S. Stiles land, thence running N 39° E 123.2 feet on land of said Stiles to center of Stone Monument: thence North 42 3/4° E 370 feet over land of said Stiles Drake and Frank Fote, to center of Stone monument thence



same course about  $19\frac{1}{2}$  feet to Main Street. The above described line being the east line of said Noble Street. The culvert over the brook must be extended on the West side to the extreme limit of highway. The West line is described as follows. Beginning on the North side of Silver Street near Luke Bushes South East Corner, thence running  $N 44^{\circ} E$  about 10 feet to center of Stone Monument, thence same course, parallel with and three rods distant from the first mentioned course  $842.85$  feet, over land of Luke Bush Austin, and the estate of Wille Noble to center of stone monument, thence  $N 35\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E$   $246.6$  feet over land of said Noble Estate to center of Stone Monument, thence  $N 55\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W$   $32$  feet, on said Noble Estate, thence  $N 39^{\circ} E$   $11$  feet to center of Stone Monument, on lands of said Noble, and Joseph Woolworth, thence on same course  $131.75$  feet on land of said Woolworth to center of Stone Monument, thence  $N 42\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} E$   $364$  feet on land of said Woolworth to center of Stone Monument, thence on same course about  $20$  feet to Main Street, the two last courses being parallel and three rods distant from the two last courses on east side of said street. The County Commissioners, having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid by the said town of Westfield, the sum of Twenty Three Dollars to Rev. F. M. Main,  $\$23.00$  the sum of Six Dollars to Luke Bush,  $\$6.00$  the sum of Six Dollars to Austin  $\$6.00$  the sum of Thirty Four Dollars and Twenty Cents to the Estate of Wille Noble,  $\$34.20$  the sum of Twelve Dollars to Joseph Woolworth,  $\$12.00$  and the sum of Forty Dollars to Jane S. Pike,  $\$40.00$  the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them, in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the town of Westfield shall pay all costs and expenses which have arisen by reason of the aforesaid relocation. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Westfield cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of October, A.D. 1863. Lewis F. Root, County Commissioner, being disqualified to act on account of residence Samuel



April Term 1883

A. Bartholomew, Special Commissioner, was called, and acted in his stead.

Leonard Black } County  
Henry A. Chad } Commissioners.  
Saml. A. Bartholomew } Special Commissioner

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And upon the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County, Mass:-  
We the undersigned petition that your honorable body would view and monument the Road, in Westfield, leading from No. 66 N. easterly to the River, the same being located between the lands of Mrs. Jane Pike and land formerly belonging to Per Taylor, on the northerly side, and by land formerly belonging to the heirs of Saml. Taylor on the southerly of said road.

Thos. J. Dewey and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Saturday, the seventh day of October then next, and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the North District School House, in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such relocation is sought, for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Western Hampden Times and News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the

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said seventh day of October the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge, that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twelfth day of December, then next and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Noble District School House in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said relocation, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said twelfth day of December, met and proceeded to relocate and the further consideration of the matter was continued to the next regular meeting and so from meeting to meeting, until this meeting held on this fifth day of June A.D. 1883, when the Commissioners file their location report as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone monument on the east side of Noble Street, which stone is the south west corner of Jane S. Pike's land, thence running S 65 1/4 E. 375.5 feet on land of Jane S. Pike to stone monument, thence same course to the wire about 70 feet, the above described line being the Northerly line of said Old Road, the Southerly line is parallel and two rods distant from Northerly line. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled any in consequence of this relocation of highway. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said Town of Westfield, cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of October, A.D. 1883. Lewis F. Cook, County Commissioner, being disqualified to act on account of residence, Samuel A. Bartholomew, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.

Leonard Black - Perry A. Chase & County Commissioners



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Saml. A. Bartholomew } Special Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, selectmen of the town of Agawam, respectfully represent that the highway located by the County Commissioners in October 1864, on the petition of S. H. Cooky and others, running from Main Street in said Agawam to Connecticut River at the Ferry, has been marked by certain stone monuments on either side of said location, and that the Commissioners order describes them as being all on the Southwly side, also that the magnetic direction, and distances between monuments, as ordered, are not in accordance with fact, but are erroneously described in the order, and consequent confusion arises in their endeavor to conform to said order. They therefore request that you will view said highway, and relocate the same, and make such alterations therein as you may see fit. They also request that you will reopen and locate the ancient highway from near the dwelling house of Abner Westland, to near the dwelling house of Emerson Cook, as formerly traveled.

Agawam May 22. 1882.

J. H. Churchill

S. A. Bodurtha

Selectmen

of  
Agawam

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the fifth day of September then next and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, in Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Agawam, being the town within which such relocations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Agawam said town,

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and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifth day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceed to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the fifth day of June then next and three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, in said Springfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of this adjudication and the time and place appointed for said relocation in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof, on said fifth day of June, met and proceeded to locate and the further consideration of the matter was continued until this meeting held on this eighth day of June, A.D. 1863, when the Commissioners file this location report, as follows, to wit:

Description for the Ferry Road. Beginning at a stone monument in the easterly line of the road thence  $S. 77^{\circ} 05' E. 1216.4$  ft to a stone monument thence  $S. 67^{\circ} 30' E. 419.6$  ft to a stone monument thence  $N. 83^{\circ} 46' E. 207.3$  ft to a stone monument

•  $N. 76^{\circ} 24' E. 401.6$  ft . . . . .

•  $N. 77^{\circ} 40' E. 1189.6$  . . . . .

•  $N. 79^{\circ} 13' E. 1366$  . . . . .

•  $S. 78^{\circ} 03' E. 201.4$  . . . . . to this

point the road is laid fifty feet wide and upon the Northwesterly side of the line described thence crossing to the Northwesterly side of the road by a line bearing  $N. 8^{\circ} 23' E. 53.05$  ft to a stone monument.



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thence S 14° 25' E 342 ft to a stone monument thence

S 15° 47' E 346.4 " " " " " "

S 19° 21' E 458 " " " " " "

S 41° 46' E 200.2 " " " " " "

S 75° 46' E 433.7 " " " " " "

S 70° 33' E 601 " " " " " "

N 13° 21' E 25 " " " " " "

N 61° 01' E 25 " " " " " "

N 48° 13' E 25 " " " " " "

N 39° 16' E 52.4 " " " " " "

N 25° 07' E 49.6 " " " " " "

N 13° 44' E 52.3 " " " " " "

N 46° 44' E to low water mark - Conn. river - after crossing to the Northernly side of the road the same is laid 50 ft wide and on the Southernly or Right hand side of the line described. Description for Road running Northernly from the ferry road. Beginning at a stone monument in the Northernly line of the Ferry Road - thence N 64° 25' W 543.5 to the center of an Elm tree - the road is laid 40 ft wide and upon the Southernly or left hand side of the line described. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this relocation of highways. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the said town of Agawam cause the foregoing relocation of highways to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of October, A.D. 1863. The owners of lands, over which the aforesaid roads are located, are allowed until the first day of July, A.D. 1863, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. Leonard Black and Lucie F. Root, County Commissioners, being unable to attend, Paul A. Bartholomew and Ira S. Potter, Special Commissioners, were called and acted in their stead.

Samy A. Chase	} County Commissioners
Paul A. Bartholomew	
Ira S. Potter	

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is



accepted, and the roads established as and for public highways.

J. B. Barnaby et al. to the honorable board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, State of Massachusetts.

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The undersigned citizens & legal voters of the town of Palmer, County of Hampden & State of Massachusetts, respectfully represent that the public necessity & convenience require, that a highway be laid out at Bouda Village in said Palmer, as follows viz. Beginning at a pine stump in the northerly side and at the eastern terminus of a town way leading from house of Timothy Lyman to Humphrey Sullivan & running south 77° East, 526 ft. in land of Humphrey Sullivan to a maple tree in line of land of John Bacon, thence south 67½° East, 160 ft. to land of Daniel Sullivan, thence same course south 60° 20' East 336 ft. to a point on the westerly side of Daniel Sullivan's wood shed, & 3 ft. easterly of its north-west corner above being northerly line of highway asked for. And we pray that your honorable board will view the premises lay out such way & take such other action as you may deem fit.

J. B. Barnaby and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the seventh day of September then next and eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the Depot of the Vt. & N. H. R. R. Co. in Rensselaerville Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Palmer, said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the



petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said seventh day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twelfth day of October then next and 12 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Office of the Boston Duck Company, in said Bondville, Salmar, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof. On the said twelfth day of October met and proceeded to locate, and the further consideration of the matter was continued to the next regular meeting, and so from meeting to meeting until this meeting held on this first day of May, A.D. 1863, when the Commissioners file their location report as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point in or near the easterly line of the road bearing S. 6° 32' E. and 33.2 ft. distant from a nail in a Pine stump thence S. 6° 32' E. - 102.5 ft. to a stone monument thence S. 69° 23' E. - 305.5 ft. to a stone monument thence S. 53° 10' E. 564 ft. to the Northwesterly corner of Daniel Sullivan's shed. The road is laid 2 1/2 rods wide and on the easterly side of the line described. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of One Hundred Dollars to Humphrey Sullivan, &c. &c. the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by him in consequence of the foregoing location. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that



the said town of Palmer, cause the foregoing location of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of July, A.D. 1885. The owner of land over which the foregoing location of highway is made, are allowed until the first day of June, A.D. 1885, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fence therefrom.

Leonard Black } County  
Henry A. Chace } Commissioners.  
Lewis F. Root }

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

Patrick Dolan (Petitioner for  
appt of dam)

vs.  
The City of Holyoke

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County  
Your petitioner respectfully represents that he is the owner of certain real estate situate in the City of Holyoke said County bounded and described as follows, on the south west and north by land now or late of Roger Ely and on the East by an old Road together with certain water, water or mill privileges and water right appurtenant thereto, the same being a brook known as the Town-way brook. That said water rights and privileges are of great value to him. That the sd City of Holyoke by virtue of Chap. 62 of Acts of 1872 has within one year next prior to the filing of this petition to wit on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1881 diverted the course of said brook so as to entirely empty the water flowing thereon into the water pipe or conduits of said city, whereby the said water privilege of said petitioner has been entirely destroyed and the value of his said property greatly impaired. Wherefore he prays that the said Commissioners may award the damages sustained by him in that behalf as provided by statute.

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1882

Witness my hand }  
E. D. Maynard } Patrick <sup>his</sup> Dolan

The foregoing petition was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Commissioners on the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, and was entered at a meeting of said Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year last aforesaid and was



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continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year last aforesaid to wit on the twenty eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty three, when it was ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, at the Court House, in Springfield aforesaid, on Tuesday, the third day of April next, at ten o'clock, A.M. and that the petitioner cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon the City of Holyoke, fourteen days at least before the said third day of April, that it might appear and be heard upon said petition. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now the following award is returned and filed: Upon the foregoing petition the County Commissioners having caused due notice to be given to the City of Holyoke, met the parties at the Court House, Springfield, Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1883, and by adjournment at Holyoke, Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1883, when the petitioner appeared by his attorneys, Pragnard & Bliss, and the respondent appeared by its attorney W<sup>m</sup> L. Brooks, and after fully hearing the parties and due consideration had thereon, on this fifth day of June, 1883, said Commissioners do determine and award that the said Patrick Dolan is entitled to recover from the said City of Holyoke, the sum of fifty dollars, in full for all damages and costs sustained by him, and the Commissioners do further decree that the said Patrick Dolan shall pay all costs that have arisen by reason of said application. Henry A. Chace, Commissioner being disqualified to act by reason of residence, Saml. A. Bartholomew, Special Commissioner was called and acted in his stead.

Leonard Clark	} County Commissioners.
Lewis F. Rot	
Saml. A. Bartholomew	

To the Honorable the County Commissioners within and for the County of Hampden: -

Respectfully represents the undersigned residents and legal voters of the town of Wales in said County that on the twelfth day of June 1882, J. M. Wright and other legal voters in said town petitioned the selectmen of said Wales to lay out a new townway in said Wales that said Selectmen acting upon said petition did lay out and locate a

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Petrs. for approval of  
a townway in Wales

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new turnway in said State beginning at a stake on the East line of Main Street near brook, thence on land of Elijah Shaw S. 73° 50' E. twelve rods. Thence continuing same course on land of J. M. Lyon eleven rods. Thence on same course over land of Elijah Shaw two rods and ten links to a stake marked No. 3. Thence S. 67° 30' E. twelve rods and eight links. Thence continuing same course on land of J. M. Lyon thirty two rods to a stake marked No. 4. Thence on land of said J. M. Lyon S. 61° 40' E. three rods to a stake marked No. 5 at the northeast corner of land of Mrs. Byron. Thence N. 79° E. eight rods to a stake marked No. 6 said road to be two and one half rods wide. That thereafter, to wit, on the seventh day of November 1882, at a meeting of the legal voters of said Town of Wales duly warned for that purpose said town unreasonably refused to appear and accept said turnway as laid out by said Selectmen. Wherefore your petitioners being aggrieved truly pray your Honorable Board to view the premises and to affirm said turnway as laid out by said Selectmen and to direct said laying out and acceptance of said town way to be recorded by the Town Clerk of said Town and for such further order and decree in the premises as to law and justice may appear.

J. M. Wright and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the Commissioners appoint a place and time for a view of the premises, and direct notice of the same to be given, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with actual costs.

Edward Dooly et al.  
Petrs for alteration of high-  
way in Longmeadow

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Respectfully represents your petitioners the undersigned that repairs are necessary and should be made upon the highway hereinafter named and the same should be made hard and fit for travel by the highway leading and running from the Springfield and Longmeadow road so called between the Baldwin and East farms to Secor's brook thence



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from said back to the East and that Longmeadow road.  
And we respectfully petition and pray that said road may  
be repaired and hardened and made safe and convenient  
for travel.

Edward Dooly and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said  
County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, when  
the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view  
of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given,  
and this petition was continued to this meeting, and now  
it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without costs.

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1883 Contract for furnishing Jail and House of Contract for meat  
Correction with meat awarded Wm B. Cook and A. W. Allen, awarded Wm B. Cook & A.  
for the year for Corned Beef 6<sup>cts</sup> per lb. Shanks 3<sup>cts</sup> 1/2 per lb. and W. Allen  
Salt Pork 9<sup>cts</sup> per lb.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire.  
Respectfully represents the Directors of the Connecticut River  
Railroad Company, that in their opinion it is necessary for  
the security and convenience of the public that an altera-  
tion should be made in the crossing of Market Street and  
the Connecticut River Railroad, in the City of Holyoke, and  
in the approaches to said crossing, by a separation of the  
grades of the street and the railroad, so that said street  
shall pass under said railroad. Therefore your petitioners  
pray that after due notice, and hearing, your Honorable  
Bonds will decide that such alteration is necessary, and pre-  
scribe the manner and limits, within which it shall be  
made.

A. A. Leonard

W. B. Washburn

Deane Edwards

A. B. Harris

Frederick Billings

Augustus J. Perkins

William Whiting

Directors of the  
Connecticut River  
Railroad Company

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their Railroad, crossing in  
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The foregoing petition is entered at this meeting, and now the County Commissioners give notice that they will meet for the purpose of hearing all parties interested, at the station of the Connecticut River Rail Road Co. in Holyoke on Friday the eighth day of June current at ten o'clock, A.M., and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the city of Holyoke and upon the owners of all real estate abutting upon Mosher St in said Holyoke between West and Main Streets and upon Bowers street between Lyman and Dwight Streets, three days at least before the said eighth day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Daily Republican and Holyoke Transcript, public newspapers printed in said county, on the sixth and seventh days of June current. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the city of Holyoke three days before said eighth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners will hear the parties interested at the time aforesaid. And now, to wit, on said eighth day of June, the following decree is filed: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden, ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and eighty three. On the petition of the Directors of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that in their opinion it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made in the crossing of Mosher Street and the Connecticut River Railroad, in the City of Holyoke, and in the approaches to said crossing, by a separation of the grades of the street and the railroad, so that said street shall pass under said railroad, and praying that after due notice and hearing, said Commissioners would decide that such alteration is necessary, and prescribe the manner and limits, within which it shall be made, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners appointed



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Today, the eighth day of June current and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the station of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company in Holyoke as the time and place for hearing all parties interested and caused due notice to be given of the time and place of said hearing. And on the said eighth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made as prayed for, and now, on this said eighth day of June said Commissioners do prescribe the manner and limits within which it shall be made as follows, to wit: Description of the approaches to the proposed new Depot for the Connecticut River Railroad at Holyoke. Trasher and Bowers Streets to be 50 feet in width for their whole length, as follows, viz: Trasher Street, commencing at Main Street and running easterly to the Connecticut River Railroad, as it is now laid out, and continuing in the same straight line under the Railroad, and at right angle therewith to the west side of Bowers Street, then commencing on the easterly side of Bowers Street and running easterly to West Street, as it is now laid out. The Street to be set down to the following grade, viz: Commencing on the easterly side of Main Street at the center of Trasher Street, and running easterly 110 feet with a descending grade of 3 feet per 100 feet, then level for 70 feet, then 70 feet with an ascending grade of 5 feet per 100 feet, to the west line of Bowers Street, then across and easterly on Bowers Street 100 feet with an ascending grade of 7.5 feet per 100 feet to the center of Trasher Street on the east side of Bowers Street; thence easterly 240 feet with an ascending grade of 5.3 feet per 100 feet to West Street. The Railroad Bridge over Trasher Street to be a first class Iron Bridge, with a factor of safety of 6 when under its greatest loads, with a close floor and fence on each side, of sufficient height to prevent the horses from seeing the cars, also with a clear height of 12 feet over everything above the center of the street, and a width of 50 feet for the Street between the abutments. The Bridge to be 50 feet wide. The Street under the bridge to be divided into three parts, viz: a sidewalk on the



north side 16 feet wide, and running on a true grade from Main Street walk, to walk on Bowen Street. This will bring the sidewalk about 4 feet above the driveway under the bridge, and running out to nothing at Main and Bowen Streets. A granite wall to be built along the side of the walk next the driveway, on which there is to be an iron railing as far as said walk is over one foot above the grade of the driveway, also iron columns for the support of the bridge, in a line with said railing. Two driveways, each 16 feet wide, with a granite wall between them, about two and one half feet high, supporting the iron columns of the bridge and dividing the driveways. Said wall, sidewalk and abutments of the bridge so arranged that the hubs of wheels shall not strike them. All the masonry to be built of granite, and in every respect equal to the abutments of the Willimansett Bridge. Grade of Bowen Street, commencing on the south side of Lyman Street at the center of Bowen Street, as proposed to be extended in a straight line Northwesterly by the Connecticut River Railroad Company across their land to Lyman Street, thence running southerly 100 feet with an ascending grade of 3 feet per 100 feet to the center of Ely Street, thence 250 feet with a descending grade of 2.5 feet per 100 feet, thence 270 feet with an ascending grade of 2.1 feet per 100 feet, thence 100 feet with an ascending grade of 5 feet per 100 feet to the top of the hill near Mr. Pier's house. All the present Sewer & water pipes and the drainage under the bridge to be provided for Henry A. Chas. County Commissioner, being disqualified to act on account of residence, Saml. A. Bartholomew, Special Commissioner was called and acted in his stead.

Leonard Black	} County Commissioners
L. F. Rot	
Saml. A. Bartholomew	

County Tax  
(assessed)

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session, granting a tax of eighty one thousand dollars (\$81,000) for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said County in manner following

Agawam	1550.92	Brimfield	527.67
Blanford	812.57	Chatham	527.67



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Chicopee	5692.74	Palmer	2592.29
Granville	401.62	Russell	456.39
Hampden	4746.4	Southwick	638.74
Holland	127.79	Springfield	88375.42
Holyoke	14292.11	Tolland	210.12
Luzerne	1223.12	Wales	401.62
Ludlow	813.26	Westfield	6572.01
Monson	17342.8	West Springfield	3395.54
Montgomery	145.64	Wilbraham	766.74

And warrants have been issued dated June 5<sup>th</sup> eighteen hundred and eighty three directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said County, directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and pay the same to Mr. Wm. Bridge, County Treasurer, or his successor or order, by the fifteenth day of October, ensuing as the law directs.

The following person is allowed the sum set against his name for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and the same is ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Land Damages

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers, and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon, amounting to the sum of four dollars and ten cents.

Accounts

\$4.10

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed amounting to the sum of five thousand four hundred sixteen dollars and seventy eight cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

\$5416.78

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1883 Voted: That the County Treasurer be authorized to transfer from the Sinking Fund to his account as County Treasurer all the available monies in said Sinking Fund.

County Treasurer authorized to transfer funds from Sinking Fund.



Hampden, ss June 8. 1883

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and  
all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and  
this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest.

Robert O Morns Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty sixth day of said month, and by adjournment on the third and sixth days of July, on the seventh, ninth and fourteenth days of August, and on the fourth, fourteenth and twenty ninth days of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three

Present. Leonard Clark Esq. Chairman  
Lewis F. Root  
Henry A. Chase  
County Commissioners

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, State of Massachusetts

We the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the Town of Palmer or would respectfully represent that the exact bounds on that portion of the County road leading from Ware to Belchertown, as lies between the residence of John Carmody and the road leading from Enfield to Palmer in the village of Bondsville, cannot readily be ascertained. In view of this fact we would pray your honorable board to view said premises, establish bounds on same, and take such other action in the matter as may to you seem meet and proper.

Bondsville Mass. July 21<sup>st</sup> 1882

E. R. Murdock and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two. At which meeting, the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday, the seventh day of September then next and eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the Depot of the Spf. & Andol R. R. Co. in Bondsville, Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public

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places in Palmer, said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said seventh day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the further consideration of the matter was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1883, when after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the ninth day of August then next and 8<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock in the forenoon at Muddock's store in said Palmer as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for relocating as aforesaid, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said ninth day of August, met and proceeded to relocate as follows: Description of State Street: Beginning at a stone monument in the southerly line of the Palmer road - 9.7 ft. southerly by said line from a stone monument at an angle in said road - thence S. 73° 10' E. 304.6 ft. to a stone monument - thence N. 15° 18' E. 8.25 ft. to a stone monument thence S. 73° 10' E. 635.7 ft. to a stone monument thence S. 54° 35' E. 153.1 ft. to a stone monument - thence S. 47° 52' E. 346.0 ft. to a stone monument - said State Street to be 3 1/2 rods wide for the first named course - and 3 rods wide for the last three courses and to lie on the northerly side of the line described. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages who expressed a desire to be heard thereon



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consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Fifty Dollars to Luther Colles, the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by him in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the first day of July, A. D. 1884, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the said town of Palmer cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made constructed and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of August A. D. 1884. So much of the building of L. A. Holden as is within the location of the highway may remain there during its lifetime.

\$50.00

Leonard Clark

Henry A. Chase

S. P. Root

County

Commissioners

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

John Cooley et al. Petrs.  
for a new highway in  
Springfield and Long-

The undersigned citizens of the County of Hampden respectfully petition your Honorable body to cause to be made a public Highway described as follows beginning at the south west corner of the home lot of John Cooley on Blake St. in Springfield and going south in a straight or nearly straight line and connecting with the Longmeadow road in the Town of Longmeadow a few rods north of the Greenhouse settlement, making said road about three hundred rods in length. And said petitioners think that the said road could be made without great expense, and that said road would be a public convenience. Wherefore they pray that your honorable body will grant them their petition.

John Cooley and others



The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Conn. River Rail Road Co.  
Pet. for leave to take land  
for depot purposes of the  
Merrick Thread Co

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hamp-

den  
Respectfully represents your petitioners, the Connecticut River Rail Road Company, a corporation duly established and having a principal place of business at Springfield, that it requires for depot and station purposes at Holyoke in said County, outside of its present location, and that public necessity and convenience require that it should be allowed to take lands for the purpose aforesaid in said Holyoke, viz. the land of the Merrick Thread Company, a corporation duly established and having its principal place of business in said Holyoke, bounded Northerly by Lyman Street, Easterly, Southerly and Westerly by lands of your petitioner; that it has been unable to obtain the lands so required by agreement with the owner thereof. Wherefore it prays that after due notice given and due proceedings had in the premises, Your Honorable Board will prescribe the limits within which said land, or such portions thereof, as may be required, may be taken by your petitioner for the purposes aforesaid.

Springfield Aug. 9, 1883.

Connecticut River Railroad Company

By N. A. Leonard President

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that the Petitioner notify the said Merrick Thread Company to appear before the said County Commissioners, at the Court House in Springfield aforesaid, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of August current, at 9 o'clock A. M., by serving it with an attested copy of said Petition and of this Order, four days at least before the said fourteenth day of August, that it may then and there show cause why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted. And on said fourteenth day of August the



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Commissioners met the parties interested, and it appearing that the said Rail Road Company requires said land for depot or station purposes, after due consideration, said Commissioners do adjudge that the prayer of the petition be granted and do prescribe the limits within which the same may be taken with out the owners permission as follows viz: - bounded northerly by Lyman Street, Easterly, southerly and westerly by land of the said Connecticut River Rail Road Company.

By order of the Commissioners, at this meeting, to wit. on the fourteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and eighty three, Henry Campbell, Pet. for release from the House of Correction, was released from the House of Correction.

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The County Commissioners, having viewed and carefully examined through out the highway in Palmer, located and ordered upon the petition of J. B. Kearney, (finished April Meeting, 1883.) and having found the same well made, constructed and completed, according to the order of the Commissioners thereon, the same is by them accepted.

Acceptance of highway on petition of J. B. Kearney

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers, and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of four dollars.

Accounts

\$4.00

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of eight thousand two hundred and nine dollars and seventy nine cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

\$ 8209.79

Hampden, ss. September 29, 1883.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Hampden ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, being the second day of said month, and by adjournment on the fourth day of said month, on the seventh day of November, and on the fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three

Present, Leonard Clark Esq Chairman } County  
Lewis F. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

Mrs. Cornelia H. M. Newell  
Pet for relocation & alteration  
of highway in Wilbraham

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, Massachusetts.  
Your petitioner, an inhabitant of the town of Wilbraham, would respectfully represent, that the public convenience, wants, and health require, that a portion of the road and highway known as the Springfield road, commencing at the forks of the road west of the house & thence easterly across the brook and in the vicinity of the residence of the petitioner, should be relaid and the grade of the hill improved. And also obstructions to the necessary, proper and healthful drainage of lands adjoining now prevented by the highway and bridge at the foot of the hill, should be effectually removed. These obstructions are increasing yearly, and are detrimental to the public welfare. And also that the roadway, over the bridge, be extended to a width, consistent with public utility, for all of which your petitioner humbly prays.

Mrs. Cornelia H. M. Newell.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, and was continued to a meeting of said Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Monday the eleventh day of June then next and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Mrs. Newell in Wilbraham as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Wilbraham being the town within which such relocation and alteration are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view.



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also used abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eleventh day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting, until the fourth day of October, A. D. 1883, when said Commissioners do proceed to relocate and alter said highway as follows, to wit: Beginning on the southerly side of the highway leading from Springfield to Wilbraham, opposite the center of a certain highway leading from the said Springfield and Wilbraham Road northerly to another Highway near the buildings of the Wilbraham Academy, at a stone monument; and from thence running south  $77^{\circ}45'$  East 260 feet to a stone monument; thence South  $70^{\circ}5'$  East 220 feet to a stone monument; thence South  $60^{\circ}50'$  East 171 feet 6 inches to a stone monument; the Highway for the above three courses is laid 3 rods wide and upon the northerly side of the line run thence South  $50^{\circ}45'$  East 36 feet to a stone monument; the highway at this point is laid 57 feet 6 inches wide thence South  $66^{\circ}45'$  East 36 feet to a stone monument; the highway at this point is laid 3 rods wide. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this relocation of highway. It is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Wilbraham cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of December, A. D. 1883.

(Corr)



Leonard Clark } County  
 Henry A. Chase } Commissioners  
 Lewis J. Root }

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire  
 The undersigned citizens of Palmer in said County and being more than five of the inhabitants of said town respectfully represent that the boundary lines of certain roads and streets in Three Rivers in said Palmer are uncertain and that various alterations in the courses and width thereof ought to be made to wit. That part of the Springfield road which lies between the New London Northern Railroad and the most westerly of the new tenement houses erected by the Otis Company west of their mill and on said road. The street leading westerly of the Common from said Springfield road to the house now occupied by R. C. Newell and owned by said company. The street extending easterly from the southerly terminus of said last named street to the road leading to Palmer depot. The street on the southerly side of the Common leading from said street on the westerly side of the Common to the Palmer and Belcher town road. And the road extending southerly from said street on the southerly side of the Common to the road to Graves so called. We therefore pray that you will view said roads and streets and locate the same anew - establish the boundaries thereof and make such alterations therein as in your judgment the public necessity and convenience may require.  
 Dated May 14, A.D. 1883.

Otis Company and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, at which meeting, the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, <sup>appointed</sup> Tuesday the tenth day of July then next and 8 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon at the office of the Otis Company in Three Rivers Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such relocations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof



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to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said tenth day of July, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Saturday the eighth day of September, then next and 8½ o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the Otis Company in said Pine Rivers Palmer, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said relocation in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said eighth day of September, met and proceeded to relocate as follows: Springfield Road from the most westerly of the tenement houses of the Otis Company, to the New London Northern Railroad. The northerly line of the Springfield Road is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a drill hole in a stone monument marked H. and set in the ground on the northerly line of said Springfield Road, and opposite the most westerly of the new tenement houses belonging to the Otis Company, and forty nine and one half (49½) feet from a drill hole in a like stone monument on the southerly line of said Springfield Road, thence N 83° 45' E one hundred and eleven and forty six one hundredths (111.46) feet, to a drill hole in a stone monument marked H. set in the ground. Thence on a curved line as indicated by stone fence posts now set, one hundred and sixty six (166) feet, to a drill hole in a stone monument marked H. set in the ground. Thence N 68° 45' E eight hundred and three and nine tenths (803.9) feet, to a drill hole in a stone monument marked H. set in the ground. Thence deflecting one degree and forty



five minutes ( $1^{\circ}45'$ ) to the left, or  $N 65^{\circ} E$  seven hundred and ninety  
 four and three tenths ( $794.3$ ) feet to a drill hole in a stone monu-  
 ment marked H, set in the ground in the westerly line of the New  
 London Northern Railroad location. The southerly line of said Spring-  
 field Road is forty nine and one half ( $49\frac{1}{2}$ ) feet from - measured at  
 right angles - and parallel to the above described northerly line of said  
 road. The street west of the Common leading from the Springfield  
 Road to the house now occupied by R. B. Newell. The easterly line  
 of said street being bounded and described as follows. Beginning at  
 a point in said easterly line of said street - said point being in the  
 southerly line of the Springfield Road and two (2) feet east of a drill  
 hole in a stone monument marked H, set in the ground in the south-  
 erly line of said Springfield Road, thence  $S 24^{\circ} E$  by the westerly side  
 of the Common, two hundred and fifty and five tenths,  $250.5$  feet  
 to the northerly line of a road on the southerly side of the Common,  
 thence, the same course, crossing said street on the southerly side of  
 the Common forty seven and one half ( $47\frac{1}{2}$ ) feet, <sup>to a point two (2) feet east of</sup> easterly of a drill  
 hole in a stone monument marked H, set in the ground - said mon-  
 ument being two (2) feet north of the south line of the street on the  
 south side of the Common, thence the same course crossing said street on the  
 southerly side of the Common, two (2) feet to the south line of said  
 street. Thence, the same course, two hundred and eighty five and six  
 tenths ( $285.6$ ) feet, by land of the Otis Company, to a point in the  
 northerly line of the road leading from the house now occupied by  
 R. B. Newell, to the road to Palmer Depot. Thence the same course two  
 (2) feet, crossing said road from R. B. Newell's house to a point two (2)  
 feet east of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in  
 the ground - said monument being two (2) feet south of the north line  
 of said last mentioned road from R. B. Newell's house. Thence, same  
 course, crossing said last mentioned road, thirty eight (38) feet to a  
 point in the southerly line of said last mentioned road. The westerly  
 line of the above described street is forty five (45) feet from - mea-  
 sured at right angles - and parallel to the above described easterly  
 line. Location of street leading from the house of R. B. Newell, to the  
 road to Palmer Depot. The northerly line of said street being bounded  
 and described as follows. Beginning at a point in the north line of  
 said street - said point being the intersection of the north line of a  
 above mentioned street, with the easterly line of the street leading from  
 the Springfield Road to house now occupied by R. B. Newell - thence  
 $N 65^{\circ} 30' E$  one hundred and thirty three and two tenths ( $133.2$ ) feet,  
 by land of the Otis Company, to the westerly line of the street leading  
 from the road on the southerly side of the Common, to the road to



Graves, so called. Thence, same course, two (2) feet crossing said street to a point two (2) feet northerly of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the ground. Thence, same course, crossing said street thirty six (36) feet, to a point two (2) feet northerly of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H, set in the ground. Thence, same course crossing said street two (2) feet to the easterly line thereof. Thence, same course, five hundred and two and nine tenths (502.9) feet, by land of, said Otis Company, to a point two (2) feet northerly of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the ground on or near the southwesterly line of the road leading to Palmer Depot. The southerly line of the above described street, is forty (40) feet from measured at right angles - and parallel to the above described northerly line. Location of the street on the southerly side of the Common, leading from the street on the westerly side of the <sup>Common</sup> Palmer and Belcher town Road. The southerly line of said street being bounded and described as follows: - Beginning at a point in the southerly line of said street, - said point being the intersection of the southerly line of above mentioned street, with the easterly line of the street leading from the Springfield Road to the house now occupied by R. C. Newell - thence  $N 66^{\circ} 25' E$  one hundred and thirty five and one tenth (135.1) feet, by land of the Otis Company to the westerly line of the street leading southerly to the road to Graves so called. Thence, same course, two (2) feet crossing said street leading southerly to a point two (2) feet south of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the ground - said monument being two (2) feet easterly of the westerly line of the street leading southerly to Graves. Thence, same course, crossing said street thirty six (36) feet, to a point two (2) feet south of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H, set in the ground. Thence, same course, crossing said street two (2) feet to the easterly line thereof. Thence, same course, by land of Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Arnold and the Otis Company, two hundred and twenty nine (229) feet, to a point two (2) feet southerly of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H, set in the ground. Thence  $S 71^{\circ} 15' E$  three hundred and twenty four and three tenths (324.3) feet, to the westerly line of the road leading from Palmer to Belcher town. A stone monument marked H is set two (2) feet north of the southerly line of the above described street, and on or near two (2) feet east of the westerly line of the road leading from Palmer to Belcher town. The northerly line of the above described street is forty nine and one half (49.5) feet from measured at right angles - and parallel to the above described southerly line. Location of the street extending southerly from the



street on the southerly side of the Common, to the road to Graves  
 so called. The westerly line of said street being bounded and describ-  
 ed as follows. Beginning at a point in the westerly line of said  
 street, - said point being the intersection of the westerly line of above  
 mentioned street, with the southerly line of the street on the south  
 side of the Common, thence S 24° 10' E two hundred and eighty four  
 (284) feet, by land of the Otis Company, to the northerly line of the street  
 leading from house now occupied by R. C. Newell, to the road to Palmer  
 Depot. Thence, same course, two (2) feet crossing said street to a point  
 two (2) feet west of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H,  
 set in the ground. Thence, same course, thirty six (36) feet crossing said  
 street leading to the road to Palmer Depot to a point two (2) feet  
 west of a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the ground.  
 Thence, same course, two (2) feet crossing said street to the southerly line  
 thereof. Thence, same course, two hundred and forty nine and five tenths  
 (249.5) feet, by land of the Otis Company, to the northerly line of the  
 road to Graves so called. A stone monument marked H is set in the ground  
 two (2) feet east of westerly line of the above described street, and on or  
 near two (2) feet south of the northerly line of road to Graves. The easterly  
 line of the above described street, is forty (40) feet from - measured at right  
 angles - and parallel to the above described westerly line. The County Com-  
 missioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to  
 the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider  
 and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum  
 of Fifty Dollars to Heirs of Mrs. Anderson. \$50.00  
 the sum of Fifty Dollars to Mrs. Burlingame. \$50.00  
 the sum of Fifty Dollars to Lewis Estate, \$50.00  
 the sum of Fifty Dollars to L. J. Bullock. \$50.00  
 the sum of Fifty Dollars to Mrs. Fletcher. \$50.00  
 and the sum of Fifty Dollars to Mrs. M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Masters \$50.00  
 the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them, in  
 consequence of the foregoing relocations. No other person or corporation  
 having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commission-  
 ers, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. And  
 it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town  
 of Palmer cause the foregoing relocations of highway to be made, construct-  
 ed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or  
 before the tenth day of November, A. D. 1883. The owners of land, over  
 which the aforesaid roads are located, are allowed until the first day of  
 November, A. D. 1883, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences  
 therefrom.



Leonard Black }  
 Henry A. Chase } County  
 Lewis F. Root } Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire. The whose names are hereto subscribed Inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, respectfully represent that the bounds to the highway leading from Three Rivers to the Town House in said Palmer cannot be ascertained and we would further represent that it is very desirable that the line of said Highway should be established that sidewalks on portions of it may be properly placed and other improvements made. Therefore we petition your Honorable Board to view that portion of said Highway which lays between the Iron Bridge in said Three Rivers and the four corners near the Town House (and make such alterations and repairs if any are needed) and establish bounds as in your judgment may require.

Palmer June 18<sup>th</sup> 1883

John Rivers and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming as view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the ninth day of August then next and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Town House in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons

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some interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said ninth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same and no person interested objecting thereto said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to this meeting held on this eighth day of September, A. D. 1883, when said Commissioners do proceed to relocate said highway as follows, to wit: (The northerly line of said Springfield road is bounded and described as follows.) Beginning at a drill hole in a stone monument marked H, and set in the ground on the westerly line of the New London Northern Rail Road location said stone monument being the easterly terminus of the Northerly line of the Springfield Road as located upon the petition of the Otis Company and others July 10<sup>th</sup> 1883, - thence N 67° 0' E eighty seven and eight tenths (87.8) feet to a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the ground. Thence deflecting to the right ten degrees and fifty minutes (10° 50') or N 77° 50' E fifteen hundred and sixty five and nine tenths (1565.9) feet to a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the ground on or near the division line between A. J. Northrop and L. Squires. Thence deflecting to the left thirty minutes (0° 30') or N 77° 20' E sixteen hundred and forty eight and eight tenths (1648.8) <sup>1548.8</sup> feet, to a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the ground on or near the division line between J. Brown and Jerry Dutton. Thence deflecting to the left three degrees and forty five minutes (3° 45') or N 73° 35' E seventeen hundred and fifty six and two tenths (1756.2) feet, to a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the ground on or near the westerly line of the road leading from Palmer to Bondsville. The Southerly line of the Springfield Road is forty nine and one half (49½) feet from - measured at right angles - and parallel to the above described northerly line. The portion of the above described Springfield Road that crosses the New London Northern Rail Road location is within the limits of the old highway. The Commissioners order in connection herewith the widening and protecting of the approach to the Bridge across the River. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation.



them, as in their opinion none are entitled to any, in consequence of this relocation of highway. It is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Palmer cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the tenth day of November, A. D. 1883. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the first day of November, A. D. 1883, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom.

Leonard Clark }  
 Henry A. Chase } County Commissioners  
 Lewis J. Root }

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
 The undersigned citizens of Palmer in said County or property owners therein and being more than five of the inhabitants of said town respectfully represent that the boundary lines of so much of the road in said Palmer, leading from Three Rivers to the town house, as lies between the westerly side of the New London Northern Railroad and the easterly end of the iron bridge and including said bridge are uncertain and that various alterations in the course and width thereof ought to be made. We therefore pray that you will view said road and bridge and locate the same anew establish the boundaries thereof and make such alterations therein as in your judgment the public convenience and necessity may require.

Dated July 13 1883

John Rivers and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Saturday, the eighth day of September then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the office of the Otis Company in Three Rivers, Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty

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days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused  
 abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted  
 in two public places in Palmer said town; and also gave notice to all  
 persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published  
 three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper  
 published in said County, said posting and the last publication of  
 said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed  
 for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave  
 notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the pe-  
 tition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said  
 view. And on said eighth day of September the Commissioners met  
 at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to read the process,  
 and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same the Com-  
 missioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of  
 said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then pro-  
 ceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and  
 after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto  
 said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that  
 common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition  
 be granted. And now on this eighth day of September, A. D. 1883, said  
 Commissioners do proceed to locate said highway as follows, to wit:  
 The northerly line of said Springfield road is bounded and described  
 as follows: Beginning at a drill hole in a stone monument marked  
 H, and set in the ground on the westerly line of the New London Nor-  
 thorn Rail Road Location - said stone monument being the easterly ter-  
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 ing to the left three degrees and forty five minutes (3°-45') or N.  
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 feet to a drill hole in a stone monument marked H set in the  
 ground on or near the westerly line of the road leading from



Palmer to Bondaville. The southerly line of the Springfield Road is forty nine and one half (49 1/2) feet from - measured at right angles - and parallel to the above described northerly line. The portion of the above described Springfield Road - that crosses the New London Northern Rail Road location is within the limits of the old highway. The Commissioners order in connection herewith the widening and protecting of the approaches to the bridge across the River. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this relocation of highway. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Palmer, cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made constructed and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the tenth day of November, A. D. 1883. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the first day of November, A. D. 1883, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom.

Leonard Clark }  
 Henry A. Chace } County Commissioners  
 Lewis F. Root }

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now, the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned citizens of Wilbraham in said County respectfully represent that the highway in said town leading from the point of intersection of the City of Springfield and the town of Wilbraham near the house formerly of William Lyman deceased, and running easterly to the center of said town is unsafe and inconvenient for the public travel. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board will view said highway and make such alterations as in your judgment the public good requires.

Aug. 2<sup>d</sup> 1883

Henry M. Bliss and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

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and eighty three, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming it a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the eighteenth day of September then next and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling house formerly of W<sup>m</sup> Syman in Wilbraham as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Wilbraham being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petitions, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petitions to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighteenth day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petitions, and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitions be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this seventh day of November, A. D. 1883, when said Commissioners do proceed to locate said alteration as follows, to wit: commencing at a point near homestead of the late William Syman and near the line between the City of Springfield and Town of Wilbraham and running Easterly fourteen hundred feet. Also fifty feet easterly from a chestnut tree on Northerly side of said highway near house of Dexter Kooley and R. Jones and running Easterly to near barnway on northerly side of said highway and grading said highway between the points above mentioned in conformity with a profile of said highway recorded in the office of the clerk of the County for this County. The cuts to be taken out 22 feet wide. The traveled part of the highway must be worked to the width of 18 ft. exclusive of the side slopes and ditches. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, awarded as



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damages to be paid to any persons or corporations, or in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this alteration of highway. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the first day of December, A. D. 1883, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Wilbraham cause the foregoing alteration of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of May, A. D. 1884.

Leonard Clark }  
Henry A. Chase } County  
Levi J. Root } Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the second day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty three John E. Freeman of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Springfield for the term of six months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said John E. Freeman has reformed. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said John E. Freeman to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

John E. Freeman.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting and now, to wit, on the second day of October, eighteen hundred and eighty three, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

John E. Freeman, Petr.  
for release from the House  
of Correction.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, Oct. 2<sup>d</sup>, 1883.

In the matter of the petition of Selectmen of Wilbraham for crossing of the Boston Road in Wilbraham recorded on Page 203, Book 10, of the records of the proceedings of the County Commissioners: It now appearing to the said Commissioners, that in the location report in the case above referred to, an error has been made in inserting the name of <sup>of the</sup> Ludlow W. Co instead of S. C. Barrett in the award of damages.

Decree amending Location Report on Petition of Selectmen of Wilbraham for crossing of the Boston Road in Wilbraham.



We therefore amend our said report, by striking out the words "Sudlow Hfg. Co" in the report of damages, and inserting the word "S. E. Barrett".

Leonard Clark } County  
Henry A. Chase } Commissioners.  
Leura F. Root }

### Land Damages.

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of three hundred dollars and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

To Hrs. of Mrs. Anderson on petition of the Otto Company et al.	\$50.00
• Mrs. Burlingame.	50.00
• Lewis Estate.	50.00
• S. J. Bullock.	50.00
• Mrs. Fletcher.	50.00
• Mrs. M <sup>rs</sup> Masters.	50.00

### Accounts.

\$8222.64

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of eight thousand twenty two dollars and sixty four cents and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampden ss Dec 4. 1883.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c. and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest: Robert O'Meara, Clerk.



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and  
helden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden,  
on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty fifth day  
of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty sixth day of  
said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty three.

Present Leonard Clark (Chairman) } County  
Lewis P. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

And by adjournment on the second, nineteenth, and twenty first  
days of January, on the fifth, thirteenth, twenty first, and twenty  
sixth days of February, on the fourth, twelfth, and eighteenth days  
of March, and on the first day of April, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Present Leonard Clark (Chairman) } County  
Lewis P. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

Henry A. Chase, Esquire, of Holyoke, having been declared by the  
Board of Examiners elected County Commissioner for the term of  
three years, and having been duly sworn, appears on the said se-  
cond day of January, and the board consisting of Leonard Clark,  
Lewis P. Root and Henry A. Chase, Esquires, proceed to the choice  
of a Chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three of which  
Leonard Clark has two, and is chosen Chairman of the Board for  
the years ensuing.

To the County Commissioners of The County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the undersigned that on the second  
day of April A.D. 1883 The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of  
Holyoke in said County were petitioned to lay out and construct  
a highway in said City (the public necessity and convenience re-  
quiring the same) commencing at a point in the center of Ap-  
pleton street (if extended Easterly) on the Easterly line of the Con-  
necticut River railroad company's location - thence running easter-  
ly about six hundred and eighty feet in the center line of Ap-  
pleton street produced to the center line of Bridge Street as  
laid down on plan made by the Holyoke Water Power Company.

J. Merrick & Co. Petrs.  
for a new highway in  
Holyoke



Hence running Northeasterly by said Bridge Street about eleven hundred and thirteen feet to a point in the center line of East street produced, as laid down on plan of Bowers and Mosher. Hence running Northerly about One hundred and three feet to Bowers and Mosher's line in center of said East Street about seven hundred and seventy feet to Mosher Street as accepted by said city. To be of such width as to be a continuation of Appleton street if extended and of Bridge and East streets as now laid down in said plans, or of such other width and with such other changes in direction between said termini as may seem to said honorable board most appropriate. That said Mayor and Board of Aldermen unreasonably refuse and neglect to lay out and construct said way and that your petitioners are aggrieved by the action of said Mayor and Aldermen and that a copy of said petition is hereto annexed and a copy of the vote passed by said board of Aldermen relative to the same dismissing said petition. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your honorable body will view locate and order constructed, a highway as above petitioned for and as set forth in the original petition (a copy whereof is hereto annexed) and as in duty bound will ever pray.  
Halsabe November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1883

Of Merrick & Co

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting and now, it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with actual costs.

James C. Hurd, Petr  
for release from the  
House of Correction.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the twenty seventh day of December eighteen hundred and eighty three James C. Hurd of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County by the Police Court for the term of sixty days for the crime of drunkenness, and that said James C. Hurd has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said James C. Hurd to be at liberty during the remainder of



his term of sentence.

Geo. A. Benson and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the twenty first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty four it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Connecticut River Rail-

Respectfully represent the Connecticut River Railroad Company, that said Company has laid out a branch track to their rail-  
road in the City of Holyoke, commencing at a point on their  
main track, about four hundred feet, north of Willmansett  
Bridge, thence northerly and adjoining the proposed extension of the  
second level canal, to a point west of or near Lyne & Dudley's  
Paper Mill, and that the route of said proposed branch has been  
approved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Holyoke.

road Company, Pet: to  
determine the manner of  
crossing the highways and  
other ways in Holyoke by  
said Company

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Wherefore, your petitioners pray, that after due notice and hearing,  
that you will determine the manner of crossing the highways  
and other ways by said proposed branch railroad track.

Connecticut River Railroad Company

By

N. A. Leonard President

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and the  
County Commissioners having caused due notice to be given of  
the time and place of meeting, met the parties at said Holyoke  
on the first day of March, and by adjournment on the fifth  
day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty four,  
at which times the parties were fully heard and after due con-  
sideration said Commissioners do adjudge that public necessity  
requires the crossing at the same level, and do determine that  
the prayer of the petition be granted. Henry A. Chase, County Com-  
missioner, being disqualified by reason of residence, Ira C. Pot-  
ter, Special Commissioner, was called in, and acted in his stead.



Connecticut River Rail-  
road Co., Petr. to determine  
the manner of crossing the  
highways and other ways  
in Holyoke by said Company.

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
Respectfully represent the Connecticut River Railroad Company  
That said Company has laid out a branch track to their railroad  
in the City of Holyoke, commencing from a point on the track of  
said Railroad Company, on Race Street, thence across the second  
level canal to the west bank of said second level canal, thence  
on said west bank as far north as Appleton Street, and that the  
route of said proposed branch has been approved by the Mayor  
and Aldermen of the City of Holyoke. Wherefore, your petitioners  
pray, that after due notice and hearing, that you will determine  
the manner of crossing the highways and other ways by said  
proposed branch of railroad track.

Connecticut River Railroad Company  
By

N. A. Leonard President

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and the Coun-  
ty Commissioners having caused due notice to be given of the time  
and place of meeting, met the parties at said Holyoke on the first  
day of March, and by adjournment on the fifth day of March,  
in the year eighteen hundred and eighty four at which times the  
parties were fully heard and after due consideration said Commis-  
sioners do adjudge that public necessity requires the crossing at the  
same level and do determine that the prayer of the petition be  
granted with the following restrictions: This track shall leave the  
present track on south side of Cabot Street. The Railroad shall  
not extend beyond the north side of Chagant Street and the South  
side of Appleton Street with suitable gates at Cabot Street required  
to be maintained and closed at all times when trains are crossing  
the street. Henry A. Chau, County Commissioner, being disqualified  
by reason of residence, Ira G. Potter, Special Commissioner was called  
in and acted in his stead.

The Merrick Thread Co.  
(Petr. for est. of same)

The Conn. River Rail-  
Road Co.

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hamp-  
den.  
Respectfully represents your petitioner, the Merrick  
Thread Company, a corporation duly established and having its prin-  
cipal place of business in Holyoke, in said County, that it is  
the owner of a certain tract or parcel of land, situate in said  
Holyoke, bounded as follows, to wit: Northerly by Lyman Street  
Easterly, Southerly and Westerly by land of the Connecticut River  
Rail Road Company. That the said Connecticut River Rail Road



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Company, a railroad corporation established under the laws of this Commonwealth, and having a usual place of business in said Holyoke, and being authorized to take land for depot and station purposes, has taken the herein described tract or parcel of land, for the aforesaid purpose, without the permission of your petitioner the owner of said land. And your petitioner avers that it has been damaged by the taking of its said land, as aforesaid, and hereby respectfully makes application to your honorable Board to estimate and determine the amount of damage sustained by it, by the taking of its said land, as aforesaid by the said railroad company, in the manner and in accordance with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.  
Holyoke, Feb. 4, 1885.

Merrick Thread Company  
By Timothy Merrick Green

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that the Commissioners meet for the purpose of acting upon said petition, at the Holyoke House, in Holyoke, on Saturday, the first day of March, next, at ten o'clock, A. M., and that the petitioners cause a copy of said petition and this order thereon to be served upon the said Connecticut River Rail Road Company fourteen days at least before the said first day of March, that it may appear and be heard upon said petition. And now upon the foregoing petition the County Commissioners having caused due notice to be given of the time and place of meeting met the parties at said Holyoke on the first day of March, and by adjournment on the fifth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and eighty four at which times the parties were fully heard, and after due consideration said Commissioners awarded and determine that the said Connecticut River Rail Road Co. pay to the said Merrick Thread Co. the sum of sixteen thousand six hundred sixty one dollar and ten cents (\$16661.10) the same being in full for all damages, including the costs and expenses incurred by reason of this application and proceedings thereon. Henry A. Chase, County Commissioner, being absent. Ira L. Potter, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.  
Warrant of District Jfs. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1885.



Joseph D. Bartlett.  
 Petr for release from  
 the House of Correction  
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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
 Respectfully represent the undersigned that Joseph D. Bartlett of Westfield was committed to the House of Correction on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January last for the offence of being a Common Drunkard. That he promises reform - that confinement is dangerous to his health that aside from the habit for which he was committed he is a good <sup>citizen</sup> as one member of your board can testify - that his wife is anxious that he should be released in view of his health & that upon the whole we think he had better be released as this is his first commitment.  
 Westfield, March 12, 1884

Julia A. Bartlett and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting and now to wit on this first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

### County Estimate

Estimated Expenses of the County of Hampden for the year 1884 with the amount necessary to be raised by Tax.

For Payment of Juries	\$7500.00
• Service of Juries	300.00
• Officers of Courts & meals of Juries	2000.00
• Salaries of Special & County Commissioners	1600.00
• Sheriff & Treasurer	2450.00
• Land Damages	1200.00
• Sheriff's Juries	100.00
• Publishing Commissioners' Notices	100.00
• Surveys of Highways	300.00
• Construction of Highways and Monuments	2500.00
• Medical Examiners	1500.00
• Salaries of Messenger & Engineer at Court House	1700.00
• Record Books and Stationery	1200.00
• Law Library	1500.00
• Repairs - Court House	1000.00
• Fuel & Lights	1200.00
• Clerk of Courts and Legal Expenses	600.00
• Criminal Costs	5000.00
• Miscellaneous Expenses	1000.00
• Interest on County Notes	18000.00
• Auditors of Court	400.00
• Insane House	1200.00



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For Payment of Funded Debt	\$6250.00
• Bills already drawn on the Treasury	100.00
• Duant School - less Receipt	3500.00
• Salaries of the Justices of the Police Courts of Springfield, Holyoke and Chicopee	4300.00
• Salary of the Justice of the Eastern Hampden District Court	800.00
• Salaries of the Clerks of the Police Courts of Springfield and Holyoke	1750.00
• Services of the Special Justices of the Police & District Courts	500.00
At Jail and House of Correction	
For Provisions	7000.00
• Clothing	600.00
• Fuel and Lights	2500.00
• Beds and Bedding	300.00
• Salaries of Officers	4500.00
• Board of Officers & Employees	800.00
• Repair	1000.00
• Instruction	300.00
• Furniture & Utensils	300.00
• Miscellaneous Expenses and Water Rents	500.00
• Medicine & Medical Attendance	300.00
• Board of Prisoners in other Counties	4000.00
Total Estimate	86650.00
Deduct estimated receipts for labor of Prisoners etc.	5650.00
Amount called for by Tax	81000.00
Leonard Clark } Lewis F. Root } County Commissioners Henry A. Chase }	

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session, granting a tax of eighty one thousand dollars (\$81,000.00) for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said County, in manner following:

Agawam	\$1350.92	Chicopee	\$5695.74
Blandford	383.37	Granville	401.62
Brimfield	547.67	Hampden	474.64
Chicopee	547.67	Holland	127.79

County Tax assessed







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To the Treasurer of	Belmont	\$ 109.28
"	Chester	102.50
"	Chicopee	358.10
"	Granville	74.50
"	Hampden	75.65
"	Holland	17.93
"	Holyoke	652.86
"	Longmeadow	133.94
"	Ludlow	136.10
"	Monsen	328.40
"	Montgomery	42.00
"	Palmer	252.12
"	Russell	64.45
"	Southwick	81.82
"	Springfield	1779.80
"	Tolland	44.20
"	Wales	38.11
"	West Springfield	244.33
"	Willbraham	96.38
"	Westfield	510.53
		<u>\$ 5393.50</u>

Voted: That Mr. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County, and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding Seventy Thousand Dollars, and to make, execute and deliver note or notes, to that amount payable during the month of October next, to the order of such Banks, Institution, Corporation or Individual, as he, the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum.

County Treasurer authorized to borrow in anticipation of the County Tax

(Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 1884) Voted: That a reward of five hundred dollars be offered to the person or persons who will furnish evidence that will lead to the conviction of the party or parties who robbed the County Treasurer Jan 18 current.

(1884) The Jail at the Jail and House of Corrections sold to J. D. Thatcher for seventy five dollars for one year.

Jail at Jail and House of Corrections sold to J. D. Thatcher



Report of the Hamp-  
den County Prudent  
School for the year 1882

To the Commissioners of Hampden County

Gentlemen:-

Our labors with their results, and our methods in the management of this institution for the past year have been, in large measure, a repetition of our experience of the previous year. And as I so fully described our management in my last report, it would seem that only a brief report is now needed. The number of pupils present here at the close of 1882, and for some weeks previous, is greater than at any time before since the school was opened. Also, the average length of the terms for which those now present were committed is considerably longer than of those sent the first year. On this account, and from the prospect of still farther additions to our numbers in the near future, we apprehend that our present accommodations for pupils may ere long be fully occupied. This increased number of inmates has necessitated the employment of one additional manager - a lady to assist the matron in general housework. The foregoing are the only important changes in the situation with us during the year. At the close of 1881, one of the pupils belonging here was absent, having escaped a few days before, but was brought back not long after, and counting him as present at the opening of the year, our statistical record for 1882 is as follows:-

Number of pupils at beginning of the year	12
"    received since	20
Whole number during any part	32
Number discharged during the year	7
Whole number present Dec. 31, 1882	25
Average number present during the year	16
Age of the youngest when received was 9 years	
"    "    "    oldest	14

Average of ages of those now present,  $11\frac{2}{3}$ .

Of the 32 present during some part of the year, 22 were sent from Springfield, 5 from Holyoke, 3 from Chicopee, 2 from Westfield. One girl was present at the opening of year, but was discharged April 21. All the rest are boys.

During the first year of the school very few were committed here for more than one year. The average lengths of the terms for which those now present were committed is about 20 months. This increased length of time to be spent here we regard as of much advantage to the pupils.



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in many ways. To those who have had experience in the care and instruction of this class of boys, it is very apparent that one year is too short a time in which to accomplish much in permanently removing evil habits and instilling higher motives into their characters. In many instances the quick return to their former surroundings is followed by a speedy return to their former evil ways. While with those who are kept under training here for a long term, there appears a much greater probability that better influences will more firmly supplant the evil and their character be more permanently moulded for good citizenship. In the management and discipline of these pupils we continue our endeavors to make of this institution as much of a true home and as little of a prison as possible. We allow them much liberty and many privileges; - in a word, their privileges are, to a great extent commensurate with their good conduct and trustworthiness. The results of this plan of management, thus far, we believe fully justifies our continuing the same. Though the boys are often trusted in labor or on errands to all parts of the farm or in the neighborhood without oversight, yet rarely do we find such confidence betrayed; and we see in them a constantly increasing sense of honor and self reliance. Last Autumn two boys escaped from us shortly after being received, and were both returned within a week. These were the only attempts at escape within the year. And it is worthy of mention that nearly all plans or attempts at escape for the last two years have been of those who had been here but a short time. The pupils have made good progress in their school studies during the year. When they come to us, we find them usually backward for their ages and with little desire to learn. But they seem as apt as any boys when induced to make effort, and we think their advancement will fully equal that of pupils in corresponding grades of the public schools. We are gratified in seeing in many of them an increased thirst for knowledge and a growing relish for reading and study. We find encouragement in our efforts for the welfare of these children in reports made to us of those who have formerly been in our care here. While in many instances we fear but little if any permanent good has been accomplished, others are reported by their teachers to have been among their most regular and



interested pupils since leaving us, and to be much improved  
 in conduct; still others who are older, are in regular and  
 honorable employment. Some of those who have been here, as  
 also their friends, - have spoken gratefully to us and to others  
 of the benefits they received while at this school. And so far  
 far as I am informed, the testimony of school teachers and  
 superintendents in the county is unanimous that the existence  
 and operation of this institution have greatly lessened truancy  
 and irregular attendance in the public schools. The health of  
 our pupils the past year has been excellent. It is rare that  
 one has gone without his regular meals for twenty four hours.  
 Not one has had a visit from a physician, nor has a cent  
 been expended for medicine for the inmates during the year.  
 Pure air, cleanliness, abundant exercise, a sufficient quantity  
 of good, healthy food and regularity in eating and sleeping  
 are the principal means upon which we have relied for this  
 good result. Labor on the farm the past season has not been  
 as remunerative as in 1881. The hay and early crops were bet-  
 ter than usual, but the extended and severe drought of the  
 summer so checked the growth of later crops that only about  
 half the usual amount of them was harvested. Yet, in this  
 respect we only suffered in common with a large part of New  
 England and other eastern States; and we still think that in  
 a season of the average amount of moisture the farm can be  
 cultivated to pecuniary profit. But, added to this the ben-  
 efit which the boys receive from laboring on the farm, - the  
 discipline, instruction and training in methods of labor there  
 imparted, make it an almost indispensable adjunct of this as  
 a reformatory institution. And here I feel impelled to repeat  
 the suggestion made in my last report - that if these boys  
 could by some means have instruction and training in the use  
 of the simpler mechanical tools during those months of the  
 year when there is little farm-work, it would be a great  
 additional help in fitting them to become self-respecting and  
 self-supporting citizens. In closing this report, a few state-  
 ments in regard to expenditures for this institution will af-  
 ford answers to inquiries frequently made. The entire cost of  
 the land and buildings of this institution as they now are  
 including the house, barn, ice-house, play yard, and a little  
 less than 12 acres of land, - is \$1367.38. Our total expenses  
 for the year 1882 were \$4361.58. Of this sum, \$1857.80 was



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paid into the county treasury, for the board of the children, by the towns that sent them. The balance \$2503.78, was paid by the county at large. This would certainly seem to be a moderate sum for the entire expense of the board, clothing instruction and care of these children for a year. And yet we believe the cost per pupil may be still more reduced should we have a larger number. It should be mentioned in this connection that there is a difference of \$282.87 between the total expenses as given above, and the amount as given in the report of the County Treasurer for 1882. But this difference is on account of some bills belonging to 1881 which were not sent in soon enough to appear in the Treasurer's report for that year; - while there is less than \$10 of the expenses of 1882 thus remaining over unpaid. In review of our work here for the past year, - while we feel that much less has been accomplished than we desired, and hope to attain better results in the future, yet we trust that our labors have not been in vain, and that, to a good degree, the objects for which this institution was established and is maintained are being accomplished.

Respectfully submitted

R. C. Barnett

Springfield, Jan. 20, 1883.

Superintendent

To the Commissioners of Hampden County

Gentlemen:-

The follow-

Report of the Hampden County Truant School for the year 1883

ing is the report of the Hampden County Truant School, for the year ending December 31, 1883:-

Whole number of pupils present Jan. 1, 1883	25
"    "    committed during the year	14
"    "    present any part of the year	39
Number discharged during the year	14
Escaped and not returned	1
Whole number present Jan. 1, 1884	15
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The largest number present at one time during the year was 31. The average number present during the whole year was  $27\frac{1}{3}$ . This is an increase of about  $11\frac{1}{3}$  over the average number present in 1882. All the pupils the past year were boys. The average of the ages of all present July 1, 1883, was 12 years, 1 month. Of the whole number present any part of the year



26 came from Springfield, 9 from Holyoke, 2 from Chicopee, 2 from Westfield. Except West Springfield, no other town in the county, has, as yet, sent any pupils to this institution. Towns in other parts of the state have had permission to send their truants here but have sent none thus far Nov. 1, 1883. Mr. Kate Taylor, who had been teacher in the school since April 1, 1880, was succeeded in that position by Miss Maria H. Lornie. There are now six persons, in all, regularly employed in the management and labor of this institution. These are severally in positions as follows: Superintendent, R. C. Bennett; Matron, Mrs. Bennett; Teacher Miss M. H. Lornie; Asst. Supt. & Farmer, Mr. F. E. Collins; Asst. Matron, Mrs. E. J. Wilson; Cook, Miss M. J. Parby. Expenses. The whole amount paid out for this institution the past year as reported by the County Treasurer, was \$5612.73. There was paid in to the County Treasury from the several towns that sent pupils here, for board of the children the sum of \$2640.86. This leaves \$3071.87 as the whole amount paid by the County at large. There is an increase in the whole amount of our running expenses for 1883, over that of 1882, of \$1251.15. But it should be noticed in this connection that while the increase in average attendance of pupils 69 per cent. more than in 1882, the increase in total expense is only 29 per cent. And if the whole expense for the past year be assessed on the average number of pupils present it goes \$205.37 as the cost of keeping and caring for each pupil here during the year. This equals \$3.94 per week for each pupil; which is 22 per cent. less than the cost per pupil in the preceding year. Instruction and discipline. The course of instruction and management has, in the main, been the same as in previous years. The boys have generally made good progress in their studies. Many of those who have returned into the public schools are reported to have made a farther advance, while here, than the other pupils in the classes from whence they came, and are now said to be regular in their attendance, and good and faithful pupils in the schools to which they belong. We have had sent to us during the past year quite a number more than before of that class of older boys who have been so long in the practice of truancy and other bad habits as to render them almost incorrigible and cause them to be rectified under necessary restraints. This class of boys also imbued others with whom they associate here with similar feelings and ideas of a lawless nature. It was



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from this cause, mainly, that the discipline was more difficult the past year than before, and that more have escaped, or attempted to escape from the institution. Yet the large majority have proved happy and contented with their lot here, and have yielded readily to the influences of kind treatment and disinterested efforts for their welfare. They have been allowed many privileges and a large liberty which most seem to appreciate and seldom abuse. The Farm, Crops, etc. There was a good yield of the early crops from the farm. But the severe drought in the last of the season and the early frosts of Autumn caused a scanty return in the later crops. Each year's experience confirms the opinion that the greatest returns to be obtained from this soil will be in producing small fruits, roots, and early vegetables; and in raising these there is profit from the farm. We find that most of the boys enjoy working upon the farm, and this, together with various household duties required of them, are found to be for them an excellent means of instruction and discipline. I would here suggest as I have in former reports, that, if, in addition to these means of employment, the boys could also have practical instruction during the season of the year when they cannot work on the farm, in the use of the simplest mechanical tools, I think it would be an added source of interest and improvement, and of great benefit to the boys, especially toward fitting them for future employment and self-support. During the year we have received occasional, welcome visits from W. A. Eaton, your appointed visitor to this institution. His interest in our work here and his suggestions have been of much value. As the associate visitor, Mr. E. A. Hubbard, has removed his residence outside the county and has ceased to visit us, might it not be well to appoint another to act with Mr. Eaton. In closing this report I would further suggest that if some of the boys committed to this institution, who have no parents or other friends of character and responsibility to care for them, could, by authority of the County Commissioners, be placed in good families of farmers or mechanics when discharged from this school it would be an added element of great value in the government of this institution as a means of permanent improvement and lasting good in the lives of such boys. I would also remark, - that, as it is impracticable in this institution, to keep any class of boys sent here from associating with the rest, it would seem to be wisest, and



more conducive to the reformation of those few obdurate, if the class of boys of hardened and vicious habits (elsewhere described in this report) could be sent to other institutions where they could be secluded and dealt with more as their character requires.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Barrett

Superintendent

Springfield Jan. 24, 1884

Report of Visiting Com.  
mittee of Hampden  
County Pruant School

Westfield, Mass Dec. 25 '83

To the Hon. Board of Com. for the Co. of Hampden.

Gentlemen:

I have visited at your suggestion, without previous notice, the Co. Pruant School at sundry times during the year. Of the general conditions I account it good. The health of the pupils shows that due regard is paid to their physical well being, - that they are well fed and the sanitary arrangements sufficiently good to secure exemption from filthy diseases. The circumstances which made the retirement of so efficient a teacher necessary are to be deplored, but the necessity itself was apparent. I have visited the Institution twice since the change, and at my last visit made some suggestions to the teacher looking to a maintaining of the wonted discipline, apprehending that the present teacher hesitated unduly to resort to punishment when necessary to secure order and prompt obedience. The school must be much harder to control in winter, because the fatigues of labor are not had and confinement must be much more irksome. It is to be regretted that it continues impracticable to employ the boys at some mechanical industry where work on the farm cannot be performed. Some use of tools, and application of mind as well as body is needed. I respectfully renew the suggestion of some special incentives to good behavior and a studious habit, to be proposed by you. I have requested for the present a record of deportment to be kept, and that the teacher make occasional reports to me or to you. A few inexpensive appliances for use in the school I have asked Mr. Barrett to procure with your approval. Mr. Barrett seems to cherish an unfeigned interest in the welfare of the boys which extends to their life after leaving the Institution, and it would seem should be encouraged to stand in loco parentis towards such as have no fit guardians. A little care



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in securing for such good places may save the boys from  
criminal lives with all the incident loss and expense at-  
tendant upon idle and vicious lives. I have forwarded a bill  
for services rendered amounting to \$15.00 to the Co. Treas-  
urer, for which I ask your approval.

Most respectfully submitted,  
by your obedt servt

W. H. Eaton

The above report is accepted and recorded by the County Com-  
missioners - Leonard Black Chairman

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed amounting to the  
sum of twelve thousand two hundred seventy two dollars and  
five cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County  
Treasury.

Accounts

\$12,272.05

Hampden, ss. April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1884

Judgment is entered up according to reports ss. and  
all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and  
this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:

Robert O'Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April, being the eighth day of said month, and by adjournment on the sixth, eighth, seventeenth and twenty fourth days of May, and on the third and tenth days of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Present Leonard Clark Chairman } County  
Lewis F. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chees }

Ethan C. Ely et als. Petrs.  
for new location of high-  
way in Longmeadow

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden  
Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Longmeadow that the highway leading from the Main Street, a short distance south of the residence of William G. Emerson in a westerly direction across the railroad of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to its terminus in The General Field on the westerly side of said railroad, is in divers places between said Main Street and said railroad insufficient and inadequate in width, and in general, to the common convenience and necessity. Wherefore they pray that, for the purpose of making alterations in the course and width, and of establishing the boundary lines, thereof, said highway between said Main Street and said railroad may be located anew.  
Dated at said Longmeadow July 31<sup>st</sup> 1883.

Ethan C. Ely and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, when the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the eleventh day of September then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of E. C. Ely in Longmeadow as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company and upon the clerk of the town of Longmeadow, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view.



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and also caused abstracts of said petitions containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Longmead-  
ow said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by  
causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks suc-  
cessively in the Springfield Daily Republican a newspaper pub-  
lished in said County, said posting and the last publication  
of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time  
appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said  
commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the  
foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the  
time and place for commencing said view. And on the said  
eleventh day of September the Commissioners met at the time  
and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and  
having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the  
hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudi-  
cate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the  
same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience  
and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted,  
and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed  
Thursday the fifteenth day of May then next, and 9 1/2 o'clock  
in the forenoon at the Court House in said Springfield, as  
the time and place when and where they would meet and pro-  
ceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners hav-  
ing given notice of the adjudication and the time and place  
appointed for in the same manner as the notice and  
publication was given and made, and as is by law in such  
case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except pub-  
lishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on  
the said fifteenth day of May, met and proceeded to relocate  
and the further consideration of the matter was continued to this  
meeting held on this seventeenth day of May, A. D. 1884, and  
now the Commissioners file their location report as follows, to  
wit: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the New York, New-  
Haven and Hartford Railroad Company's passenger station - thence  
S. 58° 55' E. 465.5 ft. to a stone monument - thence S. 75° 06'  
E. 110.7 ft. to a stone monument - thence S. 85° 28' E. 142.1 ft.  
to a stone monument thence N. 74° 10' E. 164.9 ft. to a stone  
monument - thence S. 69° 39' E. 272.3 ft. to a stone monu-  
ment - thence S. 79° 55' E. 112 ft. to a stone monument - thence  
N. 71° 11' E. 304.2 ft. to a stone monument - thence S. 88° 59'  
E. 217.2 ft. to a stone monument standing at an angle in the



Northerly line of the old location - The described line is the northerly or left hand side of the highway. The southerly line is parallel to the two first courses described and 49.5 ft. distant as far as a point bearing S  $70^{\circ} 26'$  W. and 49.65 ft. distant from a stone monument at the easterly end of the second line described for the northerly side - thence S  $84^{\circ} 02'$  E 127.3 ft. to a stone monument in the easterly line of the highway leading southeasterly to Longmeadow street - thence N  $85^{\circ} 44'$  E 130 ft. to a stone monument - thence S  $67^{\circ} 39'$  E 292.2 ft. to a stone monument - the last course is parallel to the northerly side and 99 ft. distant - thence from the last mentioned monument S  $83^{\circ} 37'$  E 177.8 ft. to a stone monument - thence N  $63^{\circ} 25'$  E 296.3 ft. to a stone monument - thence N  $88^{\circ} 33'$  E 199 ft. to a stone monument in the southerly line of the old location of the highway - bearing S  $10^{\circ} 21'$  W. and 50.16 ft. distant from the stone monument mentioned for the easterly end of the last course of the northerly line.

The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Fifty Dollars to

to Mason Willard

\$50.00

the sum of Fifty Dollars

to W. G. Emerson

\$50.00

and the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars

to Michael Kenney

\$150.00

the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the first day of July A. D. 1885, to remove their buildings, and until the first day of January, A. D. 1885, to remove their timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said Town of Longmeadow cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed, and completed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of May A. D. 1885.



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Lemuel Clark  
Lewis F. Root } County Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden: Respectfully represents the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, a railroad corporation legally established in said Commonwealth and having a usual place of business and its road in part located in said County, that, for depot or station purposes in the Town of Longmeadow, in said County, it requires land in said Town without the limits of the route fixed, to wit, land owned by Michael Kenney of said Town, and land that is part of a highway in said Town that leads from a point near the Longmeadow passenger station of said Company in a southerly direction and along the easterly side of said fixed route to its terminus in the General Field, and that it is unable to obtain said lands by agreement with the owners thereof. Wherefore the said Railroad Company prays that your Honorable Board, after notice to the owners of said lands, will prescribe the limits within which said lands may be taken without the permission of such owners in the manner in such cases provided.

November 30, 1883.

New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co.  
By C. S. Davidson Supt.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, and after due notice the County Commissioners met the parties on the eighth day of January, A. D. 1884, and having viewed the premises the Commissioners continued the further consideration of the same to the next regular adjourned meeting of the Commissioners, and from meeting to meeting until the meeting holden at the Court House in Springfield, on the eighth day of April, A. D.

New York, New Haven  
& Hartford R. R. Co.  
Petr. for leave to take  
land for Depot purposes

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1884, and now the subject matter of the petition being further considered the Commissioners do adjudge that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that land may be taken for the aforesaid purposes within the following described bounds, to wit: land owned by Michael Kenney of said Town of Longmeadow, and land that is part of a highway in said Town that leads from a point near the Longmeadow passenger station of said company in a southerly direction and along the easterly side of said fixed route to its terminus in the general field, the same extending south  $18\frac{1}{2}$  feet from the proposed highway from Longmeadow Street and  $17\frac{1}{2}$  feet east from the present location of the Rd Railroad  
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 for alteration of a high-  
 way in Longmeadow

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
 To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County  
 of Hampden. Respectfully represent the undersigned in-  
 habitants of the Town of Longmeadow in said County, that the  
 highway in said Town that leads from a point near the Long-  
 meadow passenger station of the New York, New Haven and  
 Hartford Railroad Company in a southerly direction along the  
 easterly side of the fixed route of the road of said railroad  
 company to its terminus in the General Field is in diverse  
 places between its said point of beginning near said passenger  
 station and a point in its present location that is six hundred  
 feet distant from its said point of beginning, insufficient and  
 inadequate in width, in course, and in general, to the common  
 convenience and necessity. Wherefore they pray that, for the pur-  
 pose of making alterations in the course and in the width of  
 said highway between its said point of beginning and said point  
 in its present location that is six hundred feet distant from  
 its said point of beginning, your Honorable Board will locate  
 anew so much of said highway as is included between these  
 two said said points.

Dated at said Longmeadow, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1883.

Ethan C. Ely and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
 Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County,  
 on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred and eighty three, when the Commis-  
 sioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday



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the eighth day of January then next, and 10½ o'clock in the forenoon, at the Longmeadow Railroad Depot, in Longmeadow, as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., and the clerk of the town of Longmeadow being the town within which such alterations is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighth day of January, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the same said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until the third day of June, A.D. 1884, when said Commissioners do proceed to locate said alterations as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company and in the southerly line of the highway leading from the railroad station to Longmeadow street - thence by a line parallel to the easterly line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad location and 17.5 ft. therefrom S 22° 01' W 181.5 ft. thence N 67° 59' W 17.5 ft. to a point in the said easterly line of railroad location - thence by said easterly line of railroad location S 22° 01' W 85.1 ft. to a stone monument



thence S.  $67^{\circ}59'$  E. 45.0 ft. to a stone monument - thence N.  $23^{\circ}01'$  E. and parallel to said easterly line of railroad location 50.0 ft. to a stone monument - thence turning to the right in a curved line of 30.0 ft. radius and tangent to the last line described 31.4 ft. thence turning to the left in a curved line of 30.0 ft. radius and tangent to the last curve described 31.4 ft. to a stone monument - thence N.  $22^{\circ}01'$  E. parallel to said easterly line of railroad location 120.3 ft. to a stone monument - thence turning to the right in a curved line of 30.0 ft. radius tangent to the last line described 51.9 ft. to a stone monument in said southerly line of highway 93.4 ft. distant by said southerly line of highway from point of beginning. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this alteration of highway. The owners of land, over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the first day of July, A.D. 1884, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Longmeadow cause the foregoing alteration of highway to be made constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of January, A.D. 1885.

Leonard Clark } County  
 Lewis P. Root } Commissioners  
 Henry A. Chase }

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

J. H. Carpenter et al. Granville Jan. 19 1884

Petrs. for a discontinuance  
 of a highway in Granville

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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners Gentlemen: We the undersigned residents and tax payers of Granville do petition your Honorable Board to discontinue a certain piece of road situated in West Granville and known as the new road commencing near the house of Aaron Nelson and ending near the bridge at Tolland line. Our reasons for asking for this are that the Selectmen have by virtue of a



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petition signed by fifty seven residents of West Granville and Holland laid out what was known as the old road and then same have been accepted by the town, and the Public are now using the same in preference to the said new road, and other reasons which can be shown in favor of granting this petition if called for.

J. C. Carpenter and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, when the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the eighth day of May then next and 11 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Aaron Nelson in Granville as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Granville being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the above described highway ought to be discontinued. No person or corporation in the opinion of the Commissioners being entitled to damages, and none being claimed, none are awarded.

(Over)



Leonard Clark  
Lewis F. Root  
Henry A. Chase } County Commissioners

And now the said report is returned and accepted, and it is ordered that said highway be discontinued.

Robert Kennedy, Petr.  
for release from House  
of Corrections.

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
This is to certify that I have examined into the case of Robert Kennedy now confined in the House of Corrections of said County under sentence as a Tramp, and recommend that he be released upon probation.  
Springfield, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1884.

Joseph Scott

Probation officer of Springfield

The Police Court of the City of Springfield being the Court which imposed the sentence which said Robert Kennedy is now serving concur in the recommendation that he be discharged on probation.

Witness Gideon Wells, Judge of said Court this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1884.

George Leonard Clark of Police Court

This matter was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered by said Commissioners that the said Robert Kennedy be permitted to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

The Mayor and Aldermen  
of Holyoke, Petrs. for a  
new Turnway in Holyoke

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

We, the undersigned Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Holyoke, respectfully represent that the public necessity and convenience requires that a Turnway be laid out across the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad, operated by the New Haven and Northampton Company at that point in said Holyoke where Sargeant Street intersect with said railroad, and you are respectfully requested to lay out said way, or authorize the City of Holyoke to lay out the same, and you are further respectfully requested to lay out the same at grade or authorize said City to lay out the same.

Holyoke Feb. 27 1884

Mayor and Aldermen of Holyoke



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The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now the commissioners appoint a place and time for a view of the premises, and direct notice of the same to be given, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with costs.

To the County Commissioners of the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire.

Wm A Chase et al Pet  
for location of Street  
Railway Tracks across  
Bridge in Holyoke

Respectfully represent your undersigned petitioners that they are the Directors of The Holyoke Street Railway Company, that all things have been duly done, that are required prior to the location of the tracks of said Railway, that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Holyoke have granted the following location of said tracks in said Holyoke, viz: Beginning at South Street in said Holyoke on Main Street, thence running North-easterly on said Main Street to junction of Canal and Race Streets, thence Northerly and Easterly on said Canal Street to County Road (Bridge Street), thence Northerly on said County Road (Bridge Street) to the County Bridge across the Connecticut River between South Hadley Falls and Holyoke. That the Selectmen of the Town of South Hadley have granted the following location of said tracks in said South Hadley viz: Beginning at the County Bridge leading from South Hadley Falls to Holyoke across the Connecticut River, thence running to Main Street in said South Hadley Falls, thence Northerly on said Main Street to North Main Street in said South Hadley Falls. That the aforesaid locations have been duly accepted by said Directors in writing and filed, as required by the Statute in such cases provided. Therefore, they respectfully ask your honorable boards to allow said Railway to pass on, over and across the aforesaid Bridge, that you will grant a location of the tracks of said Railway on over and across said Bridge, and that you will pass such further orders and decrees relating thereto as to law and justice may appertain.

Wm A Chase and others

Directors of the Holyoke Street  
Railway Company

Holyoke, Mass. May 7th, 1884

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now the commissioners appoint a place and time for a view of the premises and a hearing, and direct notice of the same to be given, and now the following decree is filed, to wit: At a meeting



of the County Commissioners of Hampden and Hampshire Counties held in joint convention at the Holyoke House in Holyoke May 17<sup>th</sup>. 1884, on the Petition of the Directors of the Holyoke Street Railway Company praying to be allowed to pass over and across the County Bridge. After hearing all parties interested the County Commissioners of Hampden and Hampshire Counties voted to allow the Holyoke Street Railway Company to cross the County Bridge between Holyoke and South Hadley with two tracks upon the following conditions: 1 That the Holyoke Street Railway Company shall have the same rights as the traveling public to pass and re-pass over said bridge. 2 That said Railway Company shall be required to use runners while runners are in general use on and in the vicinity of the Bridge. 3 When it becomes necessary to refloor said bridge or any part thereof, or to repair the same in whole or in part including the joints, said Railway Company shall pay one third of the expense to the parties whose duty it is to keep the same in repair, so long as said Company shall use the bridge in the manner aforesaid. 4 Said Railway Company shall not raise their track or rail more than five eighths of an inch above the present floor, and when necessity requires a new floor said Company shall be required to use a common rail, and the top or ball of said rail to be placed even with the top of the floor. Henry A. Chas. County Commissioner, being disqualified, Ira G. Potter, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.

Leonard Clark } County Commissioners  
 Lewis G. Root } of  
 Ira G. Potter Special. } Hampden County

E. A. Edwards } Commissioners  
 Elnathan Graves } of Hampshire  
 Flavel Layford } County

James Atkinson's Pet.  
 for release from the  
 House of Corrections  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
 The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ eighteen hundred and eighty \_\_\_\_\_ James Atkinson of Westfield, in said County, was sentenced to the House of Corrections for said County by A. B. Lewis, Trial Justice for the term of six months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said James Atkinson has reformed. Wherefore your petition



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we pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said James Atkinson to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the third day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the — day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty four Purlin S. Thompson of Springfield in said County, was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of the City of Springfield, for the term of six months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said Purlin S. Thompson has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Purlin S. Thompson to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Grace R. Thompson

Katie W. Wicker

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the third day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April eighteen hundred and eighty four, John Foley of Watuck in said County, was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the District Court of Palmer for the term of six months for the crime of vagrancy and that said John Foley has reformed. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said John Foley to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

E. P. Kendrick

W. F. Potter

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the tenth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Purlin S. Thompson,  
Petr. for release from the  
House of Correction

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John Foley, Petr. for  
release from the House  
of Correction.

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Frederick Hildreth  
Pet. for release from the  
House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April eighteen hundred and eighty four, Frederick Hildreth of Natick in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the District Court at Palmer, for the term of six months for the crime of vagrancy, and that said Frederick Hildreth has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Frederick Hildreth to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

E. P. Kendrick  
W. F. Potter

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on this tenth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

James Burger. Pet.  
for release from the  
House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April eighteen hundred and eighty four, James Burger of Natick in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the District Court at Palmer for the term of six months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said James Burger has reformed. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said James Burger to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

E. P. Kendrick  
W. F. Potter

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the tenth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Decree amending Location  
Report on Pet. of New  
York, New Haven & Hart-  
ford R.R. Co. Pet. for  
leave to take land for  
Station purposes

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, May 6, 1884

In the matter of the petition of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Rail Road Co. for leave to take land at Longmeadow for station purposes. It now appears to the said Commissioners that in the records of the description of the land taken an



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error has been made. It is therefore ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said record be amended so that the description of the land to be taken shall read as follows, Commencing where the easterly side of the land now owned by the petitioner intersects southerly side of a highway crossing said petitioner's location near Longmeadow Station and running thence southerly along said easterly side of said petitioner's land One hundred and eighty four and six tenths (184.6) feet, thence easterly and at right angles to said described line Twenty and five tenths (20.5) feet, thence northerly and parallel to said first described line One hundred and eighty one and five tenths (181.5) feet to the southerly side of said highway, thence westerly along said highway about eighteen (18) feet to the place of beginning, which said described land is part of a highway in said Town leading from said first mentioned highway southerly to its terminus in the general field.

Lemard Clark  
Lewis T. Root  
Henry A. Chase } County Commissioners

(Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1884) Contract for furnishing Jail and House of Correction, with meat, awarded A. W. Allen for the year, for Corned and House of Correction with meat awarded A. W. Allen Beef 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. Shanks 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. and Salt Pork 9¢ per lb.

(May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1884) Contract for furnishing Jail and Court House with ice for the year, awarded the Massasoit Ice Company, and Court House with ice awarded Massasoit Ice Co at Forty Dollars

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of nine thousand one hundred nineteen dollars and thirty four cents and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

Accounts  
\$9119.34

Hampden, ss June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1884

Judgment is entered up according to reports etc., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest.

Robert O. Morris

Clerk



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Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth day of June, being the twenty fourth day of said month, and by adjournment on the first and twelfth days of July, on the fifth and seventh days of August, and on the second and twentieth days of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Present Leonard Clark Esq. (Chairman) } County  
Lewis F. Root } Commissioners  
Henry A. Chaus.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the fifth day of April eighteen hundred and eighty four, Patrick Delhanty of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Springfield for the term of one year for the crime of drunkenness, and that said Delhanty has reformed. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Delhanty to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

J. B. Carroll.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the twenty fourth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Patrick Delhanty, Petr. for release from the House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the eleventh day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty four, John Houran of Springfield in said County, was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Springfield, for the term of six months for the crime of drunkenness and that said John Houran has reformed. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said John Houran to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of

John Houran Petr. for release from the House of Correction  
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sentence.

Horace S. Niles and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the twenty fourth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Bartholomew Leonard,  
Petn. for release from  
the House of Correction

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden - greeting  
The undersigned, believing that the offence for which Bartholomew Leonard has been serving his sentence in the County jail, has been sufficiently expiated to fulfil the demands of justice, respectfully petition your honorable body for the release of said Leonard at your earliest convenience.

Springfield May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1884.

Rourke Bros. and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the twenty fourth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

John Galvin, Petn. for  
release from the House  
of Correction

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighty four John Galvin of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Springfield, for the term of six months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said John Galvin has reformed. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said John Galvin to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Edward A. Hall and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Mrs. Emily Smith,  
Petn. for release from  
the House of Correction

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County, State of Massachusetts. Dear Sirs -

Holyoke July 21, 1884.

Praying your kindly attention for a few moments, we



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would solicit your favor in behalf of Mrs. Emily Smith, held in the County Jail at Springfield for four months imprisonment, two of which have already expired. The prisoner was housekeeper for her only and widowed son and his little baby, and heretofore has never suffered imprisonment. By her absence, the son has been compelled to break up his happy home, and, with his little orphaned daughter, go boarding among strangers. This, with small wages, necessitates much suffering and distress, not only to the young father himself, but also to his motherless child, now only two years of age, and who has never known a mother's love nor care since she was ten days old, but has always been nourished and tenderly cared for by its grandmother the lady for whom we now intercede. Knowing the suffering it has caused the child and its father and at his earnest request and entreaty, to obtain if possible the release of his mother. We the undersigned, do hereby signify our approval to the discharge of Mrs. Emily Smith held in the above named Jail. Thinking there is sufficient cause for her acquittal, and that she has already suffered for her offence, and hoping also, dear sirs, that you will consider the case and decide favorably for the prisoner, We are, Dear Sirs, Respectfully Yours.

James E. Delaney and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fifth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

(Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1884.) Voted, That the Chairman be instructed to make an offer of six thousand dollars to the owners of the land situated on the lower portion of the south side of York Street, for a site for a new jail and House of Correction, and to close the purchase of the same at a price not to exceed nine thousand dollars.

(Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1884.) Voted, that the Police Court Room in Holyoke be assigned as the place for holding the Probate Court in said Holyoke.

Police Court Room in Holyoke assigned for holding Probate Court in Holyoke.



## Land Damages

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names, for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

To Mason Willard on petition of Ethan C. Ely et al. \$ 50.00  
 " W. L. Emerson . . . . . 50.00  
 " Michael Kenney . . . . . 150.00  
 \$ 250.00

## Accounts

\$4.30

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for fees and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers, and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, items thereon amounting to the sum of four dollars and thirty cents.

\$18549.41

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred forty nine dollars and forty one cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Hampden ss. September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1884.

Judgment is entered up according to reports recd., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Robert O Morris, Clerk



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, being the seventh day of said month, and by adjournment on the fifth and seventh days of November, and on the second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Present, Leonard Clark, Esq. (Chairman)

Lewis J. Root

Henry A. Chase.

} County  
Commissioners

Bondsville, Dec. 2/83

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, Mass.

We, the subscribers, citizens and tax payers of the Town of Palmer, Mass. humbly petition your honorable Board to view the premises and change the line of the street running easterly towards Ware on the South side of said street starting at a stone monument near the Catholic Church being an angle or corner of the streets and run east on old line of said street to a point near the barn of Luther Collins and change the line of said street as recently located from four to six feet north of its present location and move the monument recently erected near said point westerly to the angle caused by said change. Said change will cause the line of said street to run at right angle with the building on said street - furthermore said street is fifty feet wide at said point so the change doesn't interfere with the rights of other parties and the public will be just as well served by said change.

O. B. Smith and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, and was continued from meeting to meeting to the June meeting, eighteen hundred and eighty four, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a hearing, and view of the premises, and directed notice of the same to

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for alteration of a high-  
way in Palmer.

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be given, and this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without costs.

N. P. Smith et al. Pet. To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of  
for alteration of highway Hampden:  
in West Springfield

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We, the undersigned, respectfully represent that the road leading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Cong Church in West Springfield beginning at a point near the house of A. H. Mosely and running to its junction with the Westfield and Chicopee road near the house of J. E. Champion, is very crooked, narrow and in some parts hilly and sandy. And also, that there is no record to be found of the location of said road. We therefore ask your honorable board to view the premises, locate a highway and make such orders in respect to widening, straightening, grading and hardening the same, as to your honors the public good may seem to require.

N. P. Smith and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, at which meeting, the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the fifteenth day of May then next and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of N. P. Smith, in West Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifteenth day of May the Commissioners met at



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the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time & place viewed, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners do then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until the fifth day of November, A. D. 1884, when said Commissioners do proceed to locate said alteration as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone monument in the northerly line of Kings Highway at a point 100 ft. westerly by said line from a stone monument at an angle therein. thence  $S. 79^{\circ} 58' W.$  758.1 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 69^{\circ} 32' W.$  301.0 ft. to a stone monument - in the easterly line of the Piper road - thence  $N. 59^{\circ} 48' W.$  324.8 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 77^{\circ} 19' W.$  395.7 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 65^{\circ} 36' W.$  294.2 ft. to an iron bar - thence  $N. 48^{\circ} 45' W.$  388.5 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 65^{\circ} 28' W.$  335.2 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 41^{\circ} 15' W.$  671.0 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 1^{\circ} 39' W.$  238.2 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 7^{\circ} 20' W.$  381.7 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 19^{\circ} 25' W.$  424.3 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 11^{\circ} 45' W.$  757.3 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 35^{\circ} 09' W.$  407.5 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 26^{\circ} 09' W.$  666.3 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 46^{\circ} 33' W.$  1229.5 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 58^{\circ} 45' W.$  291.3 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 71^{\circ} 41' W.$  489.4 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 63^{\circ} 37' W.$  221.7 ft. to the stone monument in the boundary line between John Carlton and J. E. Champion - thus far the highway is 49.5 ft. wide and lies on the northeasterly or right hand side of the line described - thence continuing from the monument last mentioned -  $N. 61^{\circ} 44' W.$  496.1 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N. 66^{\circ} 07' W.$  512.7 ft. to a stone monument in or near the southerly line of the highway leading to Bear hole - returning to the monument at the easterly extremity of the last course but one described - thence crossing the highway by a line bearing  $N. 5^{\circ} 19' E.$  52.5 ft. to a stone monument in the northeasterly line of the highway - the last course and distance forms the westerly limit of that portion of the high



way that is 49.5 ft. wide - thence continuing in the same direction as the last course described 30.5 ft. to a stone monument in the northwesterly line of the highway - thence  $N 62^{\circ} 30' W$  276.1 ft. to a stone monument - thence  $N 65^{\circ} 34' W$  863.5 ft. to a stone monument in or near the northeasterly line of the highway leading to Ashley pond - the width of the highway for the last two courses described is not uniform - thence from the monument at the westerly extremity of the last course described  $S. 43^{\circ} 05' E$  167.1 ft. to the monument at the westerly extremity of the last course described for the southwesterly line of the highway. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this alteration of highway.

Leonard Clark

H. A. Chase

S. F. Root

} County Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

Chas. L. Weller et als.  
Petrs. for new location  
of highway in Westfield

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden, -

The undersigned, legal voters of the town of Westfield in said County, respectfully represent that there is in said town a road leading from the Northerly abutment of Great River Bridge, Northerly across the old Pochassuc Road, to, and across land of the Boston and Albany Rail Road Company - that the boundary lines of a portion of said road are uncertain and indefinite, and that the interest of the public require that alterations should be made in the course and width thereof. We therefore pray you to view said road, and, after due proceedings had, to locate anew that portion of said road which lies between said Northerly abutment of said Great River Bridge and said old Pochassuc Road, as in your judgment the public convenience may require; and that such parts of the existing road, if any, as may be rendered unnecessary may be discontinued.



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Westfield May 3<sup>rd</sup> A. D. 1884

Chas. L. Heller and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, at which meeting, the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the tenth day of June, then next, and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Foster House, in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Western Hampden Times and News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said tenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Saturday the twenty sixth day of July then next, and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the depot in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to relocate as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said relocation in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, except publishing <sup>of said petition</sup> an abstract, instead



of a copy thereof, on the said twenty sixth day of July, met and proceeded to locate and the further consideration of the matter was continued to the next regular meeting, and so from meeting to meeting, until this meeting held on the fifth day of November, A. D. 1884, when the Commissioners file their location report as follows, to wit: Beginning nearly in the face of the river wall on the northerly side of the Westfield river at a point 16.76 ft. easterly of the easterly line of the edge of the easterly trusses of the iron bridge across said river measured at right angles therewith; thence N.  $32^{\circ}38'$  W. 56.10 ft. to the angle in the corner boards of Horton's building 12.88 feet from said line of the trusses measured at right angles; thence N.  $19^{\circ}29'$  W. in a direct line to the south west corner of Morrissey's brick building, 85.68 feet to Po-chasse's street, this point being 26.56 feet from said truss line extended measured at right angles therewith at a point thereon 133.53 feet from the face of the back wall on the bridge seat to said bridge. Saml Horton having personally appeared and waived damages, and no other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. Lewis P. Root, County Commissioner, being disqualified to act on account of residence, Ira G. Potter, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.

Lemard Clark } County  
Henry A. Chase } Commissioners  
Ira G. Potter } Special Commissioner.

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

C. H. Heywood et als.,  
Petrs. for relocation of  
Highway in Holyoke

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To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.

The undersigned real estate owners on West Hampden Street, Holyoke would respectfully ask your Honorable Body to locate or relocate that part of said street known as money hole hill, or all or such part of said street as you may deem advisable. Your petitioners would represent that they have used their best endeavors to find the bounds of said



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abstract from the Court records, but have utterly failed for the granting of this petition they will ever pray.

K. H. Hazelwood and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Saturday, the twelfth day of July then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Holyoke House in Holyoke, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the City of Holyoke being the city within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said city, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Transcript, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twelfth day of July the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this seventh day of October, A. D. 1884, when said Commissioners do proceed to relocate said highway as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of County Road near top of Honeyhole Hill (so called), at a stone monument near Westerly line of an Alley leading Northwesterly



from said County Road, and thence running South  $80^{\circ}30'$  East 466 feet to a stone Monument: thence South  $16^{\circ}40'$  East 552 1/2 feet to a stone Monument on the northerly side of Hampden Street. The above described line being the Northerly and Easterly side of the road, the same being laid three rods wide southerly and Westerly from the lines described. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this relocation of highway. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said City of Holyoke cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the fifteenth day of October, A.D. 1884. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the fifteenth day of October, A.D. 1884, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. Henry A. Chase, County Commissioner, being disqualified to act on account of residence, and Lewis F. Root being absent, Benj. F. Burr and Ira G. Potter, Special Commissioners, were called and acted in their stead.

Leonard Clark } County Commissioner.

Ira G. Potter } Special Commissioner.

Benj. F. Burr } Special Commissioner.

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.

C. D. Holbrook et al.,  
Petrs. for alterations of  
highways in Palmer

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners within and for the County of Hampden:

Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Palmer that the boundary lines of the highway leading from Shearer's corner so called in said Palmer through the depot village of said Palmer to the Bridges over the Boston & Albany Railroad and called Main Street, and of the highway leading from Main Street under the tracks of said Railroad to the Monson town line and called Commercial Street are undefined uncertain and in doubt. And



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that the public convenience and necessity require that the bounds and lines of said highways should be established and that said highways should be located anew. Wherefore we pray your Honorable board to view said premises, to establish the boundary lines and locate anew said highways and for such other orders and decrees in the premises as to law & justice may appertain.

Palmer, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1884.

C. D. Holbrook and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the twenty second day of October then next, and 9.45 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Palmer Depot, in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty second day of October, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that



common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of  
 the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the  
 proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned  
 meeting, held on this second day of December, A. D. 1884,  
 where said Commissioners do proceed to locate said alterations  
 as follows, to wit: Commencing at a stone monument at  
 Shearer's corner, on the division line between lands of  
 Shearer and Charles Hill and running thence S.  $46^{\circ}51'$  E.  
 673.7 ft. to a stone monument three feet westerly from the cen-  
 ter of a large oak tree, said oak being on the division line  
 between lands of Shearer and Seth W. Smith, thence S.  
 $48^{\circ}7'$  E. through the center of said oak tree 1047.8 ft. to a stone  
 monument, one foot westerly of the division line between lands  
 of Seth W. Smith and Mrs. Wm. Holbrook, thence S.  $56^{\circ}40'$   
 E. 215 ft. to a stone monument, thence S.  $64^{\circ}30'$  E. 754 ft.  
 to a stone monument, thence S.  $59^{\circ}47'$  E. 150 ft. to a stone mon-  
 ument on the division line between the lands of C. A. Brown  
 and David Knox, thence S.  $49^{\circ}40'$  E. 150 ft. to a stone mon-  
 ument, thence S.  $44^{\circ}15'$  E. 150 ft. to a stone monument, thence  
 S.  $40^{\circ}15'$  E. 272.7 ft. to a stone monument on the division line  
 between lands of David Knox and N. P. Holden, thence S.  
 $36^{\circ}47'$  E. 264.75 ft. to a stone monument one foot westerly  
 of the division line between lands of D. P. Holden and Ge-  
 orge Thompson, thence S.  $33^{\circ}53'$  E. 177.35 ft. to a stone mon-  
 ument six inches westerly of Horace Sanders West line thence  
 S.  $32^{\circ}28'$  E. 198 ft. to a stone monument, on the easterly side  
 of the street leading under the Ware River and New London  
 Northern Railroad thence S.  $30^{\circ}43'$  E. 134.50 ft. to a stone  
 monument on the division line between lands of John A. Squire  
 and Seth W. Smith, thence S.  $30^{\circ}$  E. 423.30 ft. to a stone  
 monument, thence S.  $35^{\circ}32'$  E. 185.45 ft. to a stone monument,  
 thence S.  $43^{\circ}22'$  E. and following the face of the Retaining wall  
 of the Boston & Albany R. R. 248.15 ft. to an angle in said  
 wall, about three inches south of a drill hole in the top of  
 the wall, thence S.  $44^{\circ}30'$  E. following the face of the wall  
 138.50 feet to an angle in the wall about three inches south  
 of a drill hole in the top of the wall, thence S.  $34^{\circ}59'$  E.  
 following the face of the wall, 143.20 ft. to a point about  
 three inches south of a drill hole in the top of the wall, the  
 last mentioned drill hole being on a line with the outside of  
 the Westely truss of the iron bridge over the Boston & Albany



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Railroad and 767 feet from the northerly end of said truss).  
The above described line being on the Southerly side of the highway, the northerly side being parallel with and four rods distant from said Southerly side from Shearer's corner to the Westerly side of Thorndike St. The description of the Northerly side from Thorndike St. is as follows. Commencing at an iron rod on the Westerly side of Thorndike St. said rod being N. 55° 17' E. 88 ft. from the stone monument on the Southerly side of the highway, on the division line between lands of John A. Squire and Seth W. Smith. Thence running S. 28° 55' E. 433.15 ft. to an iron rod on the easterly side of Walnut St. three feet Southerly of the face of the Nassawans Hotel block, thence S. 30° 56' E. 120.10 ft. to an iron rod on the division line between lands of H. C. Strong and John Peeney. Thence S. 35° 56' E. 66.25 ft. to an iron rod on the westerly line of Central St. three feet Southerly of the face of John Peeney's store, thence S. 38° 47' E. <sup>Case 8, 4000</sup> by the fence on land of Mr. W. French and lands of ~~John Peeney~~ 229 ft. to a stone monument three rods distant from the retaining wall of the Boston and Albany Railroad, thence S. 44° 30' E. parallel with the face of said wall and three rods distant therefrom 122.15 ft. to a stone monument, thence S. 33° 52' E. by the fence on land of Mrs. Lawrence 153.25 ft. to an iron rod on the Westerly line of Church St. said iron rod being N. 11° 32' W. 83.75 ft. from the easterly end of the second step from the projection course of the North abutment of the bridge over the Boston and Albany Railroad. Change of a portion of Commercial St. Commencing at a stone monument on the Southerly side of the above described highway, said monument being S. 30° E. 283 ft. from the stone monument on the division line between lands of John A. Squire and Seth W. Smith and running S. 53° 8' W. 117.30 ft. to a drill hole in the retaining wall on the Easterly line of Commercial St. The above is the Easterly line. The Westerly line being parallel with and 3 rods distant from said Easterly line. The Board of Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this alteration of highway. The owners of land over which the foregoing location of highway is made, are allowed as

monument on  
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til the first day of January, A. D. 1885, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said Town of Palmer cause the foregoing alteration of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of February, A. D. 1885.

Leonard Clark }  
Lewis P. Root } County Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the roads established as and for public highway.  
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Peter Seddy, Petr. for  
release from the House  
of Corrections

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July eighteen hundred and eighty four, Peter Seddy of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of the City of Springfield for the term of six months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said Peter Seddy has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a permit to the said Peter Seddy to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Suther Clark and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fifth day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty four, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Order as to money  
stolen from the County  
Treasurer

County Commissioners' Meeting, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1884.  
Whereas, it has been made to appear to the Board, that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1884, the County Treasurer was robbed of the funds of the County to the amount of \$490.00, It is therefore ordered that the County assume such loss, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to charge off the full amount of the same.

Leonard Clark }  
Lewis P. Root } County Commissioners  
Henry A. Chase }



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That the County release to George Elsey, Stephen L. Downs and George A. Wells, their heirs and assigns, Trustees under a deed from the County dated September 1st A.D. 1882, recorded in the Hampden County Deeds. Book 390, Page 232, the reservation and restrictions therein contained or thereby imposed against the building upon or using any part of the land conveyed by said deed, upon the said Trustees releasing the County from its covenants of warranty in said deed contained, so far as relates to any rights or easements acquired in or to said land or any part thereof by Maria M. Burnett and those under whom she claims or those claiming under or through her or them. And Mr. Wells Bridge is and is hereby appointed the agent for the County to execute such release in the name of the County. Provided that such deed shall be first approved by W<sup>m</sup> S. Shurtleff Esq. and that said Elsey, Downs & Wells, Trustees, shall release said County from the covenants of warranty contained in said deed so far as relates to any rights or easements acquired in or to said land or any part thereof, by Maria M. Burnett and those under whom she claims or those claiming under or through her.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> of Hampden County.

I see no objection to the above.

Dec. 1, 1884

W<sup>m</sup> S. Shurtleff

Samuel Clark

L. F. Root

Henry A. Chase

County

Commissioners

Contract made this thirteenth day of December, 1884, between the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and the Commissioners of Hampden County, Massachusetts.

Said Railroad Company in consideration of the agreements herein contained on the part of said Commissioners, hereby agrees to grade for, to furnish all the materials for, and lay for the use of said Commissioners, partly on land of said Company and partly on land of said County, a side-track extending from said Company's present tracks to and into the new jail grounds of said Hampden County, as shown on a diagram hereto attached, which said side-track shall be connected with said present tracks at a suitable point and in a suitable manner; and said Railroad Company further agrees, when said side-track shall have been completed, to credit and pay back

Contract between N.Y. N.H. and Hartford R.R. Co. and the Commissioners of Hampden Co.

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For Diagram - See -  
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to said Commissioners, on account of the cost of said track, one half of all the freight monies from time to time paid to it by said Commissioners, for the transportation over its own line of freight consigned to said Commissioners, and delivered upon said side-track, until the total of such credits shall equal the cost of said side-track, without interest, provided that no credits or reductions shall be allowed to said Commissioners, under this agreement, on any freight hauled less than ten miles over said Company's railroad, and after three years from the first day of April, 1885.

In consideration whereof, said Commissioners agree, upon the completion of said side-track, to pay to said Company the entire cost of constructing the same, including the frogs and switches necessary to make connections between said side-track and said Company's present tracks. It is further understood between the parties that said side-track shall belong to and be the property of said Railroad Company.

Witness the names of the parties hereto.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company  
by Edward M. Reed, Vice President.

Leonard Clark } Commrs.  
Lewis F. Root } Hampden  
Henry A. Chase } County

Contract for alterations  
at the Court House  
awarded to S. Shaw

This agreement made this twelfth day of March, 1884, between Charles S. Shaw of Springfield in said County, of the first part, and the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, of the second part.

Witnesseth,

That the said party of the first part for a consideration hereinafter mentioned agrees to furnish the material and perform the labor for making certain alterations at the Court House in Springfield according to the annexed specifications, and plans on exhibition at the office of the Clerk of the Courts. In consideration whereof, the party of the second part agrees to pay the said party of the first part, the sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars (\$1400.00) which sum shall be in full of all demands and claims of the party of the first part against the party of the second part. And it is further agreed that the said party of the second part may modify the before mentioned



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specifications in any particular, without impairing its validity or the validity of this contract in other respects. Provided - That the sum allowed to either party for such alterations shall have been agreed upon by the parties hereto, and a full statement of the same made in writing and signed by them before the work to be effected by the change is commenced.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on the day of the year first above written.

In presence of  
Robt. O. Morris

L. L. Shaw

+ Seal

Leonard Clark

+ Seal

Lewis F. Root

+ seal

Henry A. Chase

+ seal

#### Specifications.

For moving the Hampden County Treasurer's room in the Court House from its present place to the Grand Jury's room in the first story, and using the small room in the rear of it, for a fire-proof room to enclose the large safe. Both rooms to be fitted up as per plans.

Clearing out Old Floor. - Take out the wood floor in the room intended for the fire proof room, which has a fire proof wall on three sides now, and build a 12" wall starting it in the basement as shown by the plans and sections drawn to the scale of 1/2" to the foot using the best hand burned brick for the whole brick work, both in the basement and in the brick work above and in the arches for the floor and ceiling. Cut away and properly bind the new wall to the old work, and must thoroughly anchor if required so as to do the new walls to the old work.

Basement. - In the basement wall furnish and brick in the

Doorhooks. - hooks for the iron doors shown on the plan, and

Stone Lintel. - furnish and put in a cut granite lintel for the doors as shown.

Cutting. - Cut out the holes in the east side of the room to receive the iron beams for both floors, and furnish and set in cast iron plates 6" x 12" x 1" thick under both ends of iron beams, all properly bedded in cement and level (28 in number.)

Iron Beams. - Furnish the 14 rolled iron 9" I beams to



weigh 99 lbs to the aped lineal measure and properly set and bolt the same in center and thoroughly brick in around the ends in the wall as indicated on ground plans and sections.

Trimmers - Furnish stock and make the lathed trimmers to turn the arches between beams, and place the same in the proper position and thoroughly prop the same three in number on half of each floor. After the three arches are turned the trimmers can be taken out and used for turning the other half of floor and the same for the other floor.

Brick and Mortar - Use the best hard burned bricks for the arches and the mortar throughout all the brick work composed of Portland cement with equal parts of clear sharp sand, and all brick work plushed up solid.

Concreting - After the wood sleepers are leveled up & anchored to the flanges of the floor beams, fill with concrete the tops of arches to top of sleepers using Portland cement and fine clear gravel floated off level with top of sleepers. The ceiling arches also to be concreted with the same materials as shown by sections.

Plastering The under side of ceiling arches to be plastered on of Arches - to arches between beams, one coat of brown mortar and one coat of hard finish.

Setting Iron Door Frame - Cut out and properly set the iron door frame between office and fire proof room, and thoroughly brick in and grout around it and repair all plastering neatly around door on both sides.

Plastering Plaster also new partition, one coat of brown mortar, and one coat of hard finish.

Repairing The mason is to repair all damaged plastering caused by the removal of any of the present fixtures of the room both in present Treasurer's office and in the new quarters.

Carpenter's work in making the changes proposed -

Wood Sleepers - Furnish 2x4 Chestnut sleepers for the floor of the fire proof room, and anchors to hook them to the flanges of the beams and properly level up the same and prepare the floor for the mason to do the concreting.

Trimmers - Furnish the stock and build the three trimmers to turn the arches and properly set them for the mason.

Old Wood Floor - Remove the old wood floor and assist the mason in laying out his work, and give directions about cutting out for iron beams in old walls, and for fitting in



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the stone for fitting iron beams on.

Window Removing.—Take out the window frames in front of the present fire proof room if required to move the safe and replace the same as good as before taking out.

Fitting up of Treasurer's Room.—Move the counter, railing and other fixtures from present office and fit up in the new, in best manner, as the plans indicate, and per direction of the County Treasurer.

Moving Pictures.—Move the fixtures of the Grand Jury room to the room vacated by the removing of the County Treasurer's and fit up as directed by the County Commissioners in the same manner as now done in the Grand Jury Room.

Iron Railings.—Furnish the iron screw railing as per plan, around the counter, the wire  $\frac{1}{4}$ " -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh, fitted up in the best manner with two doors as located. Each door to have best Yale locks to cost not less than \$2.00 each and fitted in the best manner and all to be brought in best manner properly braced.

Wood Floors.—Furnish  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " mill planed and matched white maple flooring not over  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, kiln dried before working blind nailed and lay the same in fire proof room.

Plumbing.—Furnish and set a Hartford glass lined water-closet in the room, and case up the same with walnut, to have double lid seat and leaded to be used as urinal. Supply the same with water through  $\frac{5}{8}$ " heavy lead pipe to be connected with sewer pipe and well ventilated.

Wash Stand.—The wash stand now in the room will have to be removed while putting down the floor but replaced in the same place after the floor is completed.

Window Guards.—Furnish strong wire guards to all outside windows, wire  $\frac{1}{4}$ " with 2" mesh all put up outside of sashes and firmly fastened and painted a dark bronze green size 5' x 2' 7".

Safe and Iron Door.—The contractor is to move the safe from its present position in second story to the new vault. Furnish and set a fire proof vault door size 3' 6" x 7" in the clear equally as good as the no. 4 pattern of Geo. L. Damon's catalogue a "Boston Safe Manufacturer". An iron bar is to be placed in the small window in the vault  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, to be inserted 2" in the stone window sill & cap and fill around with molten lead.



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Partitions.—Build a wood screen window with glazed windows and doors as per details in Block of Police Court Room Plan. details and elevation are drawn to scale  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to the foot. The stock to be the best northern ash kiln dried before worked and well smoothed up, filled and varnished, and rubbed in with pumice stone. Glass to be as marked on elevation and sashes hung with weights of accurate balance. The door solid ash hung and trimmed to match other doors in same room.

Polishing.—After setting up the counter and wood railings and fitting up the iron railings and screens, repolish the wood work in the best manner.

All the wood work to be done to the acceptance and under the supervision of the County Commissioners or such person or agent as they may appoint. Any changes or additions desired to be made to these specifications by the County Commissioners during the progress of the work, shall be paid for pro rata, and shall not prejudice the contract. Commrs. reserve the right to reject any or all bids. The casing of the window in vault room to be cut back as shown by pencil marks on Plan. The whole to be completed on or before the first day of May, A. D. 1894, and all to be done in a manner which shall not annoy or disturb the sessions of the Courts. The Basement vault door to have a brown stone sill. The basement vault door to have a brown stone or North River flagging sill, and the Door to be of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. thick Boiler Iron. It is further ordered that all new walls built shall go down to same depth as the foundation walls of the building, and that in their construction the best Rosendale cement be used instead of Portland as specified. It is also specified that for the vault doors—Double Doors of the same manufacture and style shall be furnished instead of a single Door as specified. The contractor is also to make an opening between the safe room, and the Clerk's office large enough to pass books through—with a proper and sufficient Iron frame—and properly grouted to the walls—with Iron doors to close on each side.

Leonard Clark

Lewis P. Root

Henry A. Chase

} County Commissioners



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Land Damages

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names for damages to lands taken for highways, amounting to the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

To Hon. Henry T. Brown on Petition of Selectmen of Wilbraham	\$50.00
Michael Powers	25.00
Barrett	25.00
Thomas Patterson	150.00
	<u>\$250.00</u>

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for prices and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers, and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of Thirteen Dollars and Twenty Cents.

Accounts

\$13.20

Oct 7th. Tried to take certain piece of land on York Street adjoining the lot owned by the County and known as the Baldwin lot and the sum of six hundred dollars is estimated and determined as the amount of damages sustained by the owners thereof by reason of the taking of such land.

New Jail.  
Land on York street known as Baldwin lot taken.

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, amounting to the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars, and eighty four cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Accounts

\$9,500.84

Hampden, ss. December 2<sup>d</sup>, 1884.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c. and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest: Robert O Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty third day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

Present, Leonard Clark (Chairman)  
Lewis F. Root,  
Henry A. Chase. } County Commissioners

And by adjournment on the seventh day of January, the third day of February, the third day of March, and the seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five.

Present, Leonard Clark (Chairman)  
Lewis F. Root  
Henry A. Chase. } County Commissioners

Lewis F. Root, Esquire, of Westfield, having been declared by the Board of Examiners elected County Commissioner for the term of three years, and having been duly sworn, appears on the seventh day of January, and the Board consisting of Leonard Clark, Lewis F. Root, and Henry A. Chase, Esquires, proceed to the choice of a Chairman. The whole number of votes cast is three, of which, Leonard Clark has two, and is chosen Chairman of the Board for the year ensuing.

Franklin Barker et al.  
Petrs. for alteration & re-  
location of highways  
in Palmer.

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To the Honorable The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned citizens of Palmer in sd County respectfully represent that the common convenience and necessity requires that the several portions lying within sd town of Palmer of the roads hereinafter named, to wit: that portion of the old County road leading from the Springfield road in Three Rivers in sd Palmer to the Belchertown line, laid out in A.D. 1834, which lies between its intersection with the town road known as the "road leading to Barkers" and the northern line of the Springfield Athol & Northeastern Railroad. That portion of the "old Belchertown road" existing prior to the laying of sd County road and the New County road leading to Belchertown laid upon the petition of L. L. Gardner et al. in A.D. 1874. Also



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that portion of sd Town road leading to Parkers which has been  
between its point of intersection with said first named County road  
& the point where it crosses said railroad, should be altered  
and located anew so that said several portions of sd roads  
shall form & constitute one road running through lands of the  
Ota Company by the most easy & practicable course from some  
point near the last named point to and intersecting with  
said new County road last laid at a point near the old grist  
mill by the Chicopee River. We therefore pray you to view  
said roads and alter or locate anew said portions of sd roads  
or any portion of all or either of them as in your judgment  
the public convenience and necessity require.

Palmer, Mass.

June 5th, 1879

Franklin Barker and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said  
County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, when the  
Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the  
premises, and directed notice of the same to be given, and  
this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this  
meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dis-  
missed without costs.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden.

S. D. Warriner et al.  
Petrs. for discontinuance or

The undersigned, inhabitants of the town of Agawam  
in said County, and others, hereby petition your Honorable  
Body, to relay and straighten the road in said Agawam  
from the West end of the South End Bridge southerly to B.N.  
Booleys Corner, and to discontinue all of the present road that  
is not included in the road as relaid. Also to make the  
highway front of E. A. Warriner's and S. P. Wilson's premises  
uniform in width with the same front of Henry Kirkland's  
premises. Also to do such other things pertaining to the above  
as you may deem necessary and equitable.

relocation of highway  
in Agawam

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S. D. Warriner and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners, holden at Springfield within and for said



County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now, it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without cost.

George S. Taylor et al.  
Petrs. for a new road  
in Chicopee

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

We the undersigned citizens of Chicopee in said County respectfully represent that the road leading from a point near the house of Cyril St. Southworth in Ludlow in said County to the Chicopee town line, the same being known as the "Field Brook Road"; and from thence across the plain to the river road leading from Chicopee to South Hadley in Hampshire County is much of the way crooked narrow and dangerous for the public travel. We represent further that the public convenience and necessity require a shorter and better road from said Southworth's house to South Hadley, and we therefore pray your honorable board to order and lay a road from said Southworth's house to said South Hadley along the line shown on a plan now before your honorable board and known as the compromise road, a more particular description of which is as follows, viz: Starting from said Southworth's house in said Ludlow and following the Field Brook Road so called to the Chicopee town line, thence along the existing road from that point in a northerly and north-westerly direction to a point just west of the intersection of said road running northerly known as the Slabbery Pond road thence by a piece of new road in a north-westerly direction across the plain to a point on the line between said Chicopee and said South Hadley, the said point being the westerly terminus in Hampden County mentioned in a petition now before your honorable board signed by John Gates and others. It being the intention of this petition to provide for a road to meet a road in said South Hadley if said road shall be ordered by Commissioners of Hampden County, on such boundary line at such point as the said road in South Hadley may strike said boundary line.

Geo. S. Taylor and others



December Meeting, 1887.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without costs.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of said Commonwealth, respectfully represents:

Massachusetts Central Railroad Co. Petrs. for alteration of highways in Palmer.

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That your petitioner is authorized to construct its railroad within the Town of Palmer, in said County of Hampden, and that the route of said railroad within said Town has been fixed according to law; That public necessity requires said railroad to be constructed across the following described highways within said town at the same level therewith, and in the manner following, to wit:

1. The highway leading from Palmer to Greenwich, at land of R. S. Hastings and land of Freeman S. Foster, by lowering the grade thereof two feet.

2. The highway leading from the house of E. B. Bates to the village of Palmer, at land of Bates and Bartlett, by raising the grade thereof one foot.

3. The highway leading from the house of E. B. Hastings to the village of Bondville, at land of Sarah E. Fuller and land of W. Keith, by raising the grade thereof three and one half feet.

4. The highway leading the house of Waterman Fuller to the village of Thorndike, at land of Sarah E. Keith, by lowering the grade thereof four feet.

5. The highway leading past the house of Waterman Fuller to the village of Bondville, at land of Lester Corlies and land of John Carmadge by raising the grade thereof six feet.

6. The highway leading past the house of Humphrey Sullivan, at land of said Sullivan and land of Timothy Lins, by raising the grade thereof five feet.

And your petitioner further represents that public convenience renders it desirable to alter the course of the following



described highway within said Town of Palmer, to the extent and for the purposes following, to wit:

7 The highway leading from the village of Pondville to the field, by moving it westward, near the dam of the Boston Duck Company, so that said railroad may be constructed above the level of said highway.

And your Petitioner further represents that public convenience renders it desirable that the following described highway within said Town of Palmer be discontinued, to the extent and for the purposes following, to wit:

8 The highway leading from the house of Gates and Bartlett to the house of E. G. Hastings, at land of said Gates and Bartlett and land of said Hastings, in order that said railroad need not be constructed across said highway.

And your Petitioner respectfully prays that it may be authorized to construct its railroad across the several highways numbered 1 to 6, inclusive, in the manner hereinbefore set forth, and that the course of the highway numbered 7 may be altered, and that the highway numbered 8 may be discontinued, to the extent and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

Dated, Boston, October 9, 1880.

The Massachusetts Central Railroad Company by  
Geo. S. Boothwell, President.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, when the Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the premises and directed notice of the same to be given, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed with costs.

Selectmen of Agawam,  
Petrs for a new highway in Agawam.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Agawam, in said County, humbly represent that the County Road leading from the Town Hall in Agawam Center to the river road near to the dwelling house of S. H. Norris in said Agawam, is narrow in many places, and that most if not all of the metes and bounds are lost or removed. Therefore



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your petitioners pray your Honorable Board to view said road and relocate or locate anew as in your judgment the public good and necessity require  
Agawam, May 7th. 1881.

E. K. Bodurtha } Selectmen  
E. Leonard 2<sup>d</sup> }  
C. C. Wright } of  
Agawam

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, when the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twelfth day of July then next, and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the South End Bridge in Agawam as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be sewed upon the clerk of the town of Agawam, being the town within which such relocation prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Agawam said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twelfth day of July the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without costs.



Albert Bach et als  
Petrs. for new location  
of highway in Hol-  
land.

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To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.  
Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of Hol-  
land in said County and consisting of more than five of such  
inhabitants that the road leading from near the house of  
Samuel Perry in Wales in a southeasterly course through  
the southerly part of said Holland past the Elisha Kinney  
saw mill to Northampton in the State of Connecticut is so  
far as the same lies in said Holland crooked, narrow, hilly  
and inconvenient and in some parts uncertain. We therefore  
pray that you will view said premises and locate anew so  
much of said road as lies within said town of Holland,  
and pass such other orders in relation thereto as in your  
judgment may seem meet and proper.  
Holland, Sept. 26 1881.

Albert Bach and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County  
Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said  
County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, when the  
Commissioners appointed a place and time for a view of the  
premises, and directed notice of the same to given; and this  
petition was continued from meeting to meeting, to this  
meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dis-  
missed without costs.

Harvey Kent et als. Petrs.  
for alteration of crossing  
of B. & A. R. Railroad  
in Wilbraham.

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To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden,-

We the undersigned citizens of the County represent  
that the Boston road so called running from the fire mile  
house to Collins Depot is inconvenient and dangerous at a  
point near Stevens Corner so called in consequence of the grade  
crossing of the Boston and Albany rail road at that point.  
Also that the grade crossing of the said Boston and Albany  
rail road at a point about one mile east of above named  
Stevens Corner is dangerous to the public travel. We therefore  
ask that your honorable board will relocate said road so as  
to go under said Boston & Albany at Stevens Corner and over  
said Rail Road at the easterly crossing named and make such  
other alterations and relocations including sewerage or drainage  
as public convenience and necessity may require.



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Harvey Kent and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, and was continued meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

The plan in this matter was filed with the Commissioners at a meeting holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, and the matter was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and no proceedings having been had thereon, it is now ordered that it be dismissed.

Specification & plan for building a dam across Moill River by Bonus & Call.

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To the County Commissioners of Hampden.

We the undersigned do hereby petition to your honorable body that the road running south from the east Longmead road to Pecotic Brook be widened and graded, as the road is considered to be badly out of repair.

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1882.

Edward Dooley et als.

Petr. for alteration of highway in Longmead & Springfield

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Edward Dooley and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, and was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed without costs.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

Respectfully represents Wm. W. Borwick of Holyoke in said County, that he is the owner of a certain lot of land, and the buildings thereon, situate in said Holyoke and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Mosher Street sixty (60) feet westerly from the westerly side of West Street: thence running northerly at a right angle to said Mosher Street one hundred and six and seventy-seven one-hundredths (106.77) feet: thence westerly at a right angle of  $86^{\circ} 57'$  with the last described line

William W. Borwick

Petr. for est. of dam.

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fifty five and nine one-hundredths (55.09) feet thence Southwesterly and parallel to the first described line one hundred and three and seventy five hundredths (103.75) feet more or less to said Norcher Street; thence Easterly on said Norcher Street fifty five (55) feet to the point of beginning containing 5790 square feet more or less. That the Connecticut River Railroad Company, a railroad corporation duly established under the laws of this Commonwealth, and having a usual place of business in said Holyoke, duly petitioned your Honorable Board for permission to make an alteration in the crossing of Norcher Street and the said Connecticut River Railroad in said city of Holyoke, and in the approaches to said crossing, by a separation of <sup>the grades of</sup> the street and the railroad so that said street should pass under said railroad. That, pursuant to said petition, such proceedings were had thereon that on the eighth day of June, 1883, your Honorable Board did adjudicate that the alteration prayed for should be made, and did prescribe the manner and limits within which it should be made. That the said railroad company in the execution of the power so granted, as aforesaid, have cut down the grade of said Norcher Street in front of your petitioner's said premises and thereby, and by the changes therein, consequent upon the said separation of the grades of said street and the railroad, the aforesaid premises are very materially injured for the purposes of residence, and your petitioner is greatly injured in his property. And your petitioner having tried for a settlement with said railroad company, and being unable to obtain one, respectfully makes application to your Honorable Board to estimate and determine the amount of damage sustained by him, by the aforesaid acts of said railroad company, in the manner and in accordance with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

Holyoke, July 12, 1884.

In the matter of the petition of Wm. W. Borthwick praying your Honorable Board to estimate and determine the amount of damage sustained by him by reason of the cutting down of the grade of Norcher Street in front of your petitioner's premises, your petitioner hereby respectfully asks leave to amend his said petition by joining therein The Holyoke Savings Bank of Holyoke, Mass. the only mortgagee of said premises known to your petitioner.



Holyoke, Sept. 29, 1884

Wm W. Borthwick

By H. H. Howe his atty.

Upon the foregoing petition, the County Commissioners having caused due notice to be given of the time and place when and where they would meet to act upon said petition, met at the Holyoke House in Holyoke, on Friday, the twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, and by adjournment from time to time, until Monday, the twenty sixth day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty five, when the petitioner appeared by his attorney, H. H. Howe, and the respondent appeared by its attorney, George Mc Stearns, and filed the following plea, viz: "The respondent comes & pleads that the County Commissioners have no jurisdiction to act adjudicate or determine upon the matters set out in the petitions before them & the Deft. objects to any hearing or action thereunder & saves all rights to make further objection hereafter." And after a full hearing of the parties, on the last named day the Commissioners do assess the entire damages sustained to the foregoing described property by reason of the said alteration to be Twenty Seven Hundred One Dollars and Ninety Cents. (\$2701.90). And of the said amount do order there be paid to the said mortgagee an amount equal to the sum unpaid on its said mortgage, and the balance to be paid to the said petitioner. Henry A. Chase, County Commissioner, being unable to attend, Ira H. Potter, Special Commissioner was called and acted in his stead.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents Achsah Harlow of Holyoke Hampden County, Massachusetts, That she is the owner of a lot of land and buildings thereon (a description of which is hereto annexed) situated in said Holyoke, fronting One Hundred and Eight feet the southerly side of Mosher street and sixty Two feet on the Westerly side of West Street said lot containing 6676 square feet - That on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1883 Your Honorable Board upon the petition of the Connecticut River Railroad Company praying for an alteration to be made in the crossing of Mosher Street and the Connecticut River Railroad in the city of Holyoke and in the approaches to said

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crossing decided that such alteration was necessary and prescribed the manner and limits within which it should be made. That such alteration included the change in grade of Mosher and West streets and a lowering of the grade of said streets. That said Railroad Company have proceeded to make the alteration prayed for under the authority of your honorable board. That by the prescribed alteration - your petitioner has suffered great damage in her house and land abutting upon the above named streets and in the use of her said property and approaches to the same. Wherefore she prays that you will view the premises and assess all the damages occasioned by the alteration and lowering of the grades of the above described streets.  
Holyoke, July 1 - 1884

The petitioner now comes and moves to amend her petition by adding the following - The petitioner also says that said Railroad Company have so lowered the grade on Mosher street as to cause said petitioner's land and dwelling house and buildings to be left upon a high embankment in front of said Mosher Street and the alley west of said petitioner's lot by means of which lowering and cutting down of said grade the petitioner's access to her land from Mosher Street is greatly impaired, injured and cut off. The petitioner further avers that she was previously accustomed to pass and repass over the alley in the rear of said lot to Mosher Street and had a right of way there - that the respondents have cut down and lowered said Mosher street in front of said alley so that it is impossible to pass that way except by a ladder or steps extending to said Mosher street, and that it is only by that manner in passing the alley that said petitioner can have ingress and egress to her lot from Mosher street. The petitioner further alleges that by reason of said acts of the respondents a large portion of her said land has slid off into Mosher Street and the alley in the rear of said lot. By all of which acts the petitioner alleges her estate has been greatly injured, the value thereof diminished and her enjoyment of the same impaired.

The undersigned respectfully represents in amendment of her former petition to the County Commissioners bearing date July 1 - 1884 - that the lot of land and buildings thereon described in said petition are subject to a mortgage for Two Thousand dollars to the Mechanics Savings Bank of Holyoke, Mass -



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Wherefore she prays that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes said Mechanic's Savings Bank may be summoned and allowed to appear at the hearing and become a party to the proceedings and that her former petition may be amended as herein stated.

Holyoke September 30, - 1884.

Achsah Harlow.

Upon the foregoing petition, the County Commissioners having caused due notice to be given of the time and place when and where they would meet to act upon said petition, met at the Holyoke House in Holyoke on Friday the twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, and by adjournment from time to time until Monday, the twenty sixth day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty five, when the petitioner appeared by her attorney, E. W. Chapin, and the respondent appeared by its attorney, George M. Stearns, and filed the following plea, viz: 'The respondent comes & pleads that the County Commissioners have no jurisdiction to act adjudicate or determine upon the matter set out in the petition before them & she doth object to any hearing or action thereunder & saves all rights to make further objection hereafter.' And after a full hearing of the parties, on the last named day, the Commissioners do assess the entire damages sustained to the foregoing described property by reason of the said alteration to be Twenty Seven Hundred and Forty Five Dollars (\$2745.00) And if the said amount do order there be paid to the said mortgagee an amount equal to the sum unpaid on its mortgage, and the balance to be paid to the said petitioner. Henry A. Chase, County Commissioner, being unable to attend, Ira H. Potter, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

Respectfully represents Richard Patee of Holyoke Hampden County Massachusetts - That he is the owner of a lot of land and buildings thereon situated in said Holyoke fronting One hundred and ten feet on the Easterly side of Bowker Street and extending back over one hundred and forty seven feet to the center of an alley extending to Mosher Street said lot containing 16493 square feet and particu-

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larly described in the annexed description. That on June 8<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1883, your honorable board upon the petition of the Connecticut River Railroad Company praying for an alteration to be made in the crossing of Mosher Street and the Connecticut River Railroad in the City of Holyoke and in the approaches to said crossing, decided that such alteration was necessary and prescribed the manner and limits within which it should be made that such alteration included the change in grade of Mosher Street and Powers Street and a lowering of the grade of said streets. That said Railroad Company have proceeded to make alteration prayed for under the authority of your honorable Board. That by the prescribed alteration your petitioner has suffered great damage in his house and land abutting upon the above named Powers Street and in the use of his said property and approaches to the same. Wherefore he prays that you will view the premises and assess all the damages occasioned by the alteration and lowering of the grades of the above described Streets.

Holyoke, July 1 - 1884

The undersigned respectfully represents in amendment of his former petition to the County Commissioners bearing date July 1 - 1884. that the lot of land and buildings thereon described in said petition are subject to a mortgage for Seven Thousand dollars to the Mechanics Savings Bank of Holyoke. Wherefore he prays that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes said Mechanics Savings Bank may be summoned and allowed to appear at the hearing and become a party to the proceedings and that his former petition may be amended as herein stated.

Holyoke - September 30, 1884

Richard Patten

Upon the foregoing petition, the County Commissioners having caused due notice to be given of the time and place when and where they would meet to act upon said petition, met at the Holyoke House, in Holyoke, on Friday, the twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, and by adjournment from time to time, until Monday, the twenty sixth day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty five, when the petitioner appeared by his attorney, E. W. Chapin, and the respondent appeared by its attorney, George M. Swarns, and filed the following



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plea, viz: The respondent comes and pleads that the County Commissioners have no jurisdiction to act, adjudicate or determine upon the matters set out in the petitions before them & the deft. objects to any hearing or action thereunder & saves all rights to make further objection hereafter. And after a full hearing of the parties, on the last named day the Commissioners do assess the entire damages sustained to the foregoing described property by reason of the said alteration to be Six Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars and Eighty cents, (\$658.80) And of the said amount <sup>an amount equal to the debt, unpaid on its said mortgage,</sup> do order there be paid to the said mortgagee, and the balance to be paid to the said petitioner. Henry A. Chase, County Commissioner, being unable to attend, Ira L. Potter, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hamp- Sarah Newton (Pet. for  
den: est. of dam.)

Respectfully represents Sarah Newton of Holyoke in  
said County, that she is the owner of a lot of land and the <sup>m.</sup> The Connecticut River  
buildings thereon situated in said Holyoke and described as R. R. Co.  
follows, viz: Beginning at the intersection of the Northerly line  
of Mosher Street with the Easterly line of Bowers Street, thence  
running Northerly by said Bowers Street  $117\frac{33}{100}$  feet, thence  
easterly and at a right angle to said Bowers Street  $61\frac{82}{100}$   
feet. Thence southerly at an angle of  $96^{\circ} 37'$  with the last  
described  $13\frac{5}{100}$  feet to land of Curtis Moore. Thence Westerly  
by land of said Moore  $\frac{1}{100}$  of a foot to said Moore's North-  
west corner Thence Southerly by land of said Moore  $20\frac{83}{100}$  feet.  
Thence Westerly at a right angle to last described line 10 feet.  
Thence Southerly at a right angle to the last described line,  
eighty (80) feet to said Mosher Street. Thence Westerly by said  
Mosher Street,  $57\frac{46}{100}$  feet to the place of beginning, containing  
6680 square feet more or less. That the Connecticut River  
Rail Road Company, a corporation duly established under the  
laws of this Commonwealth and having a usual place of bus-  
iness in said Holyoke duly petitioned your honorable board  
for permission to make an alteration in the crossing of Mos-  
her Street and the said Connecticut River Rail Road in  
said City of Holyoke and in the approaches to said crossing  
by a separation of the grades of the street aforesaid and  
the said railroad so that said street should pass under



said railroad. That pursuant to said petition such proceedings were had thereon that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1883, your honorable board did adjudicate that the alteration prayed for should be made and did prescribe the manner and limits within which it should be made, which said petition and adjudication are hereby referred to and made a part hereof. That the said Rail Road Company, in execution of the power granted as aforesaid, have cut down said Mosher Street and the grade thereof in front of and near to your petitioner's said premises and took a portion of your petitioner's land hereinbefore described and on account thereof and by means of the changes in said street caused by the separation of the grades of said street and said rail road and by reason of the exercise by said company of the power and authority conferred upon it by the adjudication aforesaid, the hereinbefore described premises have been and are greatly injured, and the value thereof greatly lessened and your petitioner is greatly injured in her property, and your petitioner having endeavored to obtain a settlement with said company without avail, hereby respectfully applies to and asks your Honorable Board to estimate and determine the amount of damage sustained by her by reason of the aforesaid acts and proceedings of said Rail Road Company and in accordance with the statutes in such case made and provided.

Holyoke, Mass. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1884

And now comes the above named petitioner and asks leave to amend her petition by inserting at the end thereof after the words "the Statute in such case made and provided" the following words "and the petitioner further says that there is existing upon the premises described in her said petition a mortgage for the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1800.) to the Holyoke Savings Bank a corporation of said Holyoke."

Mrs. Sarah Newton.

October 2<sup>d</sup>, 1884.

Upon the foregoing petition, the County Commissioners having caused due notice to be given of the time and place when and where they would meet to act upon said petition, met at the Holyoke House, in Holyoke, on Friday, the twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, and by adjournment from time to time until Monday, the twenty sixth day of January, eight-



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two hundred and eighty five, when the petitioner appeared by her attorney, Wm. H. Brooks, and the respondent appeared by its attorney, George M. Stearns, and filed the following plea, viz: "The respondent comes & pleads that the County Commissioners have no jurisdiction to act, adjudicate or determine upon the matters set out in the petitions before them & the Deft. objects to any hearing or action thereunder & saves all rights to make further objection hereafter." And after a full hearing of the parties, on the last named day, the Commissioners do assess the entire damages sustained to the foregoing described property by reason of the said alterations to be Fourteen Hundred Fifty One Dollars and Thirty Four Cents (\$1451.34). And of the said amount do order there be paid to the said mortgagee an amount equal to the sum unpaid on its said mortgage, and the balance to be paid to the said petitioner. Henry A. Chase, County Commissioner, being unable to attend, Ira E. Potter, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden:

Respectfully represents the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Agawam that the highway leading from the Feeding Hills road a little west of the house of Frederick N. Leonard and following the bank of the Agawam River to its junction with the Wittingueque road near the Northeast corner of Frederick Dwight's Homestead is crooked and narrow and has become dangerous on account of the encroachment of said river. Therefore we the said petitioners request your honorable body to view the said road and make such alterations as the public convenience and necessity require, by relocating or locating anew.

Agawam, Mass. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1884

Edward K. Bodurtha } Selectmen  
J. H. Churchill }  
E. Leonard 2<sup>d</sup> } of  
Agawam.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

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Petn. for relocation of  
highway in Agawam.

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Plans, Page 41.



at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the third day of October then next, and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Agawam, being the town within which such relocation is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said third day of October, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this third day of March, A.D. 1885, when said Commissioners do proceed to relocate said highway as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone monument in or near the southerly line of the highway leading to Feeding-hills thence S. 35° 17' E. 41.9 ft. to a stone monument - thence S. 2° 10' E. 400.2 ft. to a stone monument - thence S. 7° 40' E. 748.0 ft. to a stone monument - thence S. 12° 45' E. 1071.9 ft. to a stone monument in the northerly line of the highway leading from Feeding-hills to Agawam bridge - the last mentioned monument bears N. 21° 35' W. and is 80.6 ft. distant from a stone monument



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at an angle in the southerly line of the said highway from Feeding-hills to Agawam bridge. The above described line is for the westerly or right hand side of the highway. The width for the second course described is 50 ft and the easterly line for the highway extends northerly as far as the northerly line of the highway leading to Feeding-hills - and southerly as far as a line dividing the angle formed by the second and third courses described - thence widening uniformly to a width of 91 ft. said width being measured in a line at right angles to the third course for the westerly side - 339 ft. southerly by said course from its northerly extremity - thence narrowing uniformly to a width of 53 ft. said width being measured in a line at right angles to the third course described for the westerly side 129 ft. northerly by said course from its southerly extremity - thence with a uniform width of 53 ft. as far as a line drawn dividing the angle included between the third and fourth courses described for the westerly side thence widening uniformly to a width of 62 ft. said width being measured in a line drawn at right angles to the last course described for the westerly side 455 ft. by said course from its northerly extremity - thence narrowing uniformly to the northerly line of the highway from Feeding-hills to Agawam bridge - the easterly line intersecting the northerly line of said highway from Feeding-hills to Agawam bridge at a point 50 ft. distant from the westerly line produced. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the question of damages, who expressed a desire to be heard thereon, consider and adjudge that there shall be paid from the County Treasury the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Dollars and

Eighty Eight Cents to Fred Daight.

\$220.88

and the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Four Dollars and Seventy Five Cents to Fred Leonard.

\$154.75

the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing relocation. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. The owners of land over which the aforesaid road is located, are allowed until the first day of May, A. D. 1885, to remove their



buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the said Town of Agawam cause the foregoing relocation of highway to be made constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of July, A.D. 1885.

Lemard Clark

Henry A. Chase

Lewis P. Root

County Commissioners

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway.  
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J. M. McCarthy (Pet.  
for est. of dam.)

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of  
Hampden:

Respectfully represents Jeremiah S. McCarthy of Holyoke in said County that he is the owner of a lot of land and the buildings thereon situated in said Holyoke and described as follows, viz: Beginning at the South East corner of the herein described lot at the intersection of the Northerly side of Mosher street with the Westerly side of West Street, thence running Northerly on the West line of said West Street, one Hundred and Ten (110) feet, thence Westerly at a right angle to said West Street fifty three and eighty five one hundredths (53.85) feet more or less to the north east corner of lot formerly of S. R. Wait, thence Southerly by land formerly of said Wait one hundred six and seventy seven one hundredths (106.77) to said Mosher Street - Thence Easterly by said Mosher Street sixty (60) feet to the point of beginning. That the Connecticut River Railroad Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of this Commonwealth and having a usual place of business in said Holyoke duly petitioned your honorable board for permission to make an alteration in the crossing of Mosher Street and the said Connecticut River Rail Road in said City of Holyoke and in the approaches to said crossing by a separation of the grades of the street aforesaid and the said railroad so that said street should pass under said railroad - That pursuant to said petition such proceedings were had thereon that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1883 your honorable board did adjudicate that the alterations



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prayed for should be made and did prescribe the manner and limits within which it should be made, which said petition and adjudication are hereby referred to and made a part hereof. That the said Rail Road Company in execution of the power granted as aforesaid have cut down said Mosher Street and the grade thereof in front of and near to your petitioner's said premises and took a portion of your petitioner's land hereinbefore described and on account thereof and by reason of the changes in said street caused by the separation of the grades of said street and said rail road and by reason of the exercise by said company of the power and authority conferred upon it by the adjudication aforesaid the herein before described <sup>premises</sup> have been and are greatly injured and the value thereof greatly lessened and your petitioner is greatly injured in his said property and your petitioner having without avail endeavored to obtain a settlement with said company hereby respectfully applies to and asks your honorable Board to estimate and determine the amount of damage sustained by him by reason of the aforesaid acts and proceedings of said Rail Road Company and in accordance with the Statute in such case made and provided.

And the petitioner now comes and asks leave to amend his petition by inserting at the end thereof after the words "the statute in such case made and provided" the following words "and the petitioner further says that there is existing upon the premises described in his said petition a mortgage for the sum of Sixty Five Hundred Dollars (\$6500.) to the Massachusetts Life Insurance Co. a corporation of Springfield in said County of Hampden."

J. H. Mc Carthy

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1884

When the foregoing petition, the County Commissioners having caused due notice to be given of the time and place when and where they would meet to act upon said petition, met at the Holyoke House, in Holyoke, on Friday, the twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, and by adjournment from time to time until Monday, the twenty sixth day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty five, when the petitioner appeared by his attorney, William H. Brooks, and the respondent appeared by its attorney, George M. Stearns,



and filed the following plea, viz: "The respondents comes & pleads that the County Commissioners have no jurisdiction to act adjudicate or determine upon the matters set out in the petitions before them - & the Deft. objects to any hearing or action thereunder and saves all rights to make further objections hereafter." And after a full hearing of the parties, on the last named day the Commissioners do assess the entire damages sustained to the foregoing described property by reason of the said alteration to be Twenty Four Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Seventy Seven Cents (\$2456.77). And of the said amount do order there be paid to the said mortgagee an amount equal to the sum unpaid on its said mortgage, and the balance to be paid to the said petitioner. Henry A. Chase County Commissioner, being unable to attend, Ira H. Potter, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.

Thomas Lyons. Petr. for  
release from the  
House of Corrections  
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To the Honorable Board - County Commissioners of Hampden.  
Gentlemen - We the undersigned citizens, and residents of Chicopee Falls do respectfully petition your Honorable Body to consider the case of one Thomas Lyons now in Springfield Jail, under a sentence of nine months imprisonment passed upon him by the Police Court of Chicopee for drunkenness, half of which term is now expired: he promises to lead hereafter a strictly temperate life, and as he has a sickly wife and eight children dependent upon him for chief support we pray you to compassionate the sufferings of his helpless family and by exercising the power in you vested grant him pardon.

Chicopee Falls, Dec 1884.

Wm O'Neil and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting and now, to wit, on the seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

A. F. Ball. Petr. for re-  
lief under contract for  
the labor of prisoners  
at Jail and House of Corrections  
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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents A. F. Ball of Springfield in said County, that on the first day of July, A.D. 1882 he entered into a contract with the County Commissioners where



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by said Commissioners contracted to furnish him the labor of the prisoners confined in the House of Correction for said County for the term of three years from said first day of July A. D. 1882. That at the time said contract was made it was the understanding of your petitioner, and as he believes the understanding of the Board of Commissioners, that your petitioner was to have the labor of all prisoners sentenced by the various Courts in this County, to said House of Correction during the full term of their confinement under said sentences. That well knowing the value of labor of men of experience in work in which he proposed to employ the prisoners, and well considering the number of prisoners that had been and would be sentenced to said House of Correction on long sentences whose labor would be to him of great value, and over balance the almost worthless labor of a majority of the prisoners confined on short sentences he was enabled to offer for the labor of all prisoners for which at that time there was no competition, a sum sixty six and two thirds per cent in advance of the amount ever before paid for the labor of said prisoners. Your petitioner further represents that he has fulfilled his part of the contract without complaint, until now, although in Aug. A. D. 1883, about one year from the making of this contract, twelve prisoners all confined on long sentences seven of which sentences have not as yet expired, the best workmen in said House of Correction were removed to the House of Correction in Pittsfield again on the eighteenth of January A. D. 1884, twenty prisoners also the very men upon whom your petitioner looked for the labor to enable him to continue his contract with profit to himself were removed to the House of Correction at Pittsfield, and now again during the months last past twenty prisoners have been removed to the Reformatory Prison at Concord. Thus during the continuance of this contract your petitioner has been deprived of the labor of fifty two prisoners, the most intelligent the most competent the best qualified, the best workmen, and the very men upon the labor of whom your petitioner considered when this contract was made, he was to have the advantage and benefit. That had there been any probability that the facts above named could have happened he would never have become a party to the contract and could never have offered any such amount per day for the labor of



the prisoners. Your petitioner further represents that the labor of the short sentenced prisoners alone is worthless to him and that he is now fulfilling his contract at loss to himself, by reason of the <sup>prompt of the</sup> prisoners before mentioned. Your petitioner therefore would most respectfully pray that your Honorable Board grant him some relief in the premises as a matter of justice the condition of things in regard to the prisoners at the House of Correction having been so materially changed, without the expectation, and without the desire of either party to this contract.

A. G. Ball

by C. C. Spellman his Atty

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now to wit, on the third day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted, and it is voted to reduce to twelve cents per day.

James L. Sullivan, Petr.  
for release from the  
House of Correction.  
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Westfield, February 24, 1885.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden:-

Gentlemen:

We the undersigned residents of Westfield humbly pray your honorable body to release James L. Sullivan from Hampden County Jail. Mr. Harry C. Shaeffer will go bail as to said Sullivan's good behavior.

Edwin Hedges and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the third day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Daniel O'Keefe, Petr.  
for release from the  
House of Correction.  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

Respectfully represents Daniel O'Keefe of Springfield in said County that he was sentenced by the Police Court of Springfield on the third day of September last to imprisonment in the House of Correction for one year for the crime of drunkenness, that one half of his term has passed, that he now believes he has reformed and is desirous



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to return to an orderly course of life, that he has a wife and three children dependent upon him for support. He therefore respectfully prays that he may be discharged from confinement upon such conditions as may be imposed.  
Springfield, Feb 23-1885.

Wm. O'Keefe

We the undersigned citizens of Springfield pray that the above petition may be granted, believing that the best interest of all concerned will be promoted.

Chas L. Alden and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the seventh day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Permit revoked. Ord to Arrest if? July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1885

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty four, Patrick Griffin of Springfield, in said County, was sentenced to the House of Correction, for said County, by the Superior Court, for the term of six months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said Griffin has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Patrick Griffin to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Sawson Sibley and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the seventh day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, Dec. 23, 1884.

In the matter of the petition of H. D. Holbrook and others, for the alteration of highways in Palmer, finished at the October Meeting, 1884. It now appears to the said Commissioners that in the record of the description of the northerly side of the highway leading from Shearer's Corner, so called

Decree amending Location Report on Pet of H. D. Holbrook et al., Pet for alteration of highways in Palmer.



through the Depot Village to the bridge over the Boston & Albany R.R. and called Main St. an error has been made. It is therefore ordered that the said record be amended by striking out the words "Chas Dewey" as they occur after the words "By the fence in land of M. W. French and lands of" and inserting the words "Alara B. Holbrook"

Leonard Clark }  
 Lewis P. Root } County Commissioners  
 Henry A. Chase }

County Treasurer authorized Voted. That M. Wells Bridge, County Treasurer, be authorized to borrow in and to borrow on the credit of the County, and in anticipation of the County Tax, a sum of money not exceeding Eighty Thousand Dollars and to make, execute and deliver note, or notes to that amount payable during the month of October next, to the order of such Bank, Institutions, Corporation, or Individual, as he the said Bridge shall elect, and to pay interest or discount thereon at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum.

Offal at Jail and House of Correction (Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1885) The offal at the Jail and House of Correction was sold to Homer C. Pease for sixty five dollars, for one year sold to Homer C. Pease

Contract for furnishing Jail and House of Correction with meat (Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1885) Contract for furnishing Jail and House of Correction with meat awarded A. W. Allen, for the year for corned beef 4 1/2 cts. Shanks 2 1/2 cts. Salt Pork 8 cts per lb. awarded A. W. Allen

### County Estimate

Estimated expenses of the County of Hampden for the year 1885, with the amount necessary to be raised by Tax.

For Payment of Juries	7000.00
• Service of Venues	300.00
• Officers of Courts and Heals of Juries	2000.00
• Salaries of Spec and County Commissioners	1600.00
• Sheriff and Treasurer	3750.00
• Land Damages	1000.00
• Sheriff's Juries	100.00
• Pub. Commissioners' Notices	200.00



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For Improvements of Highways	\$ 300.00
Construction of Highways & Monuments	2500.00
Medical Examiners	1500.00
Salaries of Messenger & Engineer - Court House	1700.00
Record Books & Stationery	1500.00
Law Library	1500.00
Repairs - Court House	1000.00
Fuel and Lights - Court House	1200.00
Block of Courts & Legal Expenses	600.00
Communal Costs	5000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1000.00
Interest on County Notes	12000.00
Auditors of Court	900.00
Insurance Cases	1200.00
Payment of Funded Debt	6250.00
Bills Already drawn on the Treasury	100.00
Transient School - See Receipts	3000.00
Salaries of Officers of Police & District Courts	7500.00
At Jail and House of Correction	
For Provisions	6000.00
Shocking	600.00
Fuel and Lights	2500.00
Beds and Bedding	300.00
Salaries of Officers	11000.00
Board of Officers and Employees	900.00
Repairs	1000.00
Instruction	300.00
Furniture & Utensils	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses and Water Rents	600.00
Medicine and Medical Attendance	300.00
Board of Prisoners in other Counties	1000.00
New Jail	3000.00
Total Expenditure	84500.00
Deduct Estimated Receipts for Labor of Prisoners etc.	3500.00
Amount called for by Tax	81000.00
Amount of borrowed money due from the County	
One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$156,250.)	
Leonard Clark	County Commissioners
L. J. Root	
Henry A. Chase	



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Apportionment of  
Dog Tax refunded to  
Towns

The County Commissioners having apportioned the monies received under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the Public Statutes, not expended in the payment of damages done by dogs, order that the same amounting to the sum of five thousand seven hundred eight dollars and Thirty Seven cents be paid to the treasurers of the several cities and towns of the County, in the proportions following, viz:

To the Treasurer of Agawam.

To the Treasurer of Agawam.		\$160.80
"	Blandford.	73.14
"	Brimfield.	101.06
"	Chester.	137.34
"	Chicopee.	396.97
"	Granville.	83.19
"	Hampden.	67.00
"	Holland.	35.17
"	Holyoke.	677.25
"	Longmeadow.	128.95
"	Ludlow.	149.07
"	Monson.	328.30
"	Montgomery	40.19
"	Palmer	260.74
"	Russell	72.02
"	Southwick	100.47
"	Springfield.	1927.93
"	Tolland.	37.97
"	Wales.	38.52
"	Westfield.	523.71
"	West Springfield.	280.33
"	Wilbraham.	88.22
		<u>\$ 5705.37</u>

Sheep Damages

The sum of Four Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars and Five Cents is allowed for damages done to sheep and other domestic animals by dogs and for services performed under Chapter 103 of the Public Statutes and the same is ordered to be paid out of the moneys received by the County Treasurer under the provisions of said act



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Land Damages

The following person is allowed the sum set against his name for damages to lands taken for highway amounting to the sum of Twenty Five Dollars and the same is ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

To Patrick Moran on Petition of the Selectmen of Wilbraham, \$25.00

Accounts

Sundry accounts being now presented, are allowed, amounting to the sum of fifteen thousand eight hundred and eighty six dollars and thirty five cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury

\$15,886.35

Hampden, ss. April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

Judgment is entered up according to reports re, and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:

Robert O'Morris Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the fourth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fifth, twelfth, thirteenth, sixteenth, eighteenth, twenty third and twenty eighth days of May, and on the second, fifth, and fifteenth days of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

Present Leonard Clark - Chairman

Lewis F. Root

Henry A. Chace

} County  
Commissioners

John H. Southworth et al  
Petition for approval of plans  
and specifications of dam  
across Chicopee River

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For Plan - See Book of  
Plans - Page 48.

For Specifications - See  
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To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.

Respectfully represent John H. Southworth & Sons, that they contemplate erecting a dam to raise a head of water for mill purpose across the Chicopee River in said County at a point thereon between the villages of Chicopee Falls and Indian Orchard at "Perchmas Bend" or called and herewith file the specifications and plans therefor and respectfully ask that the same may be approved.

Dated at Springfield Mass.

June 3<sup>d</sup> 1882

John H. Southworth et al

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the second Tuesday of April, eighteen hundred and eighty two, when the said petitioners filed their said plans and specifications of their proposed work which were duly approved by the Commissioners, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting until this meeting, and the Commissioners have inspected the work during its progress, and it appears that the said plans and specifications have been faithfully adhered to, it is ordered that the same be recorded.

Springfield, April 14, 1885.

Leonard Clark

Henry A. Chace

L. F. Root

} County Commissioners



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To the Honorable the County Commissioners for Hampden County  
Gentlemen.

James Williams alias  
Wilson, Petr. for release

I have examined the case of James Williams, alias Wilson from the House of  
now confined in the Hampden Co. House of Correction as a tramp Corrections  
and am satisfied that Justice to the said Williams, alias Wilson,  
and the Majesty of the Law will be met by his pardon and re-  
lease from prison - and so respectfully recommend

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Springfield, Mass

Signed - J. Scott

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1885

Probation Officer for Springfield

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit,  
on the fourteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty five,  
it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Bryan No. 2 Army, Petr.

Respectfully represents Bryan No. 2 Army of Springfield in  
said County that at the Superior Court held at said Springfield  
in December, A. D. 1884 he was sentenced to the House of cor-  
rection in said Springfield for the term of seven months for  
the crime of Drunkenness. That he is now forty years of age,  
and has been a resident of the City of Springfield for the last  
thirty four years, where he has lived an honest and industrious  
life, always employed in business, and for a long time a mer-  
chant on Hancock Street, that except, for drunkenness he has  
never been arrested for any offence against the laws, and never  
before this sentence has he been confined in the House of correc-  
tion or any other prison on any charge whatever. That for many  
years he has been a great sufferer from asthma in its most  
aggravated form, and that he contracted the habit of drinking  
intoxicating liquor from the supposed relief such indulgence would  
afford him. Now after the imprisonment he has suffered together  
with his present condition he believes he has reformed from the hab-  
it of drinking, he therefore most respectfully prays that he may  
be permitted to be at liberty during the remainder of his term  
of sentence, upon such conditions as may be deemed proper.  
Springfield, March 13-1885.

for release from the House  
of Correction.

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Bryan No. 2 Army

We the undersigned citizens of Springfield request that the prayer  
of the petition be granted.

W. L. Sturtevant and others



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The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fifth day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Jeremiah Healey, Petr.  
for release from the  
House of Correction  
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The Hon. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
The undersigned respectfully represent that Jeremiah Healey now confined in the House of Correction in the City of Springfield for the third offence for drunkenness was sentenced to four months at hard labor. He is the only support of a sick and aged Father and Mother, he now claims to be reformed having taken the total abstinence pledge and your petitioners pray that your honorable body may grant his pardon.

John O'Donnell and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Waldo L. Anderson, Petr.  
for release from the  
House of Correction  
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To the Honorable the County Commissioners Hampden county.  
The undersigned citizens of Palmer and Monson respectfully represent that they are personally acquainted with Waldo L. Anderson of said Monson who is now in the house of correction serving a sentence imposed by the district court of Eastern Hampden for being a common drunkard. That said Anderson is generally a peaceable, industrious and well-disposed citizen - that we are not aware that he has ever been imprisoned before for any offence if indeed he has ever before been convicted. He has now served about three weeks of his sentence and we believe he has reformed and is willing and desirous to return to an orderly course of life. We therefore pray that he may be discharged from confinement. Dated Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Mc Fox and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Edward S. Young, Petr.  
for release from the  
House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April eighteen hundred and eighty two, Edward S. Young of Agawam in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court.



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for the term of sixty days for the crime of drunkenness and that said Edward S. Young has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Edward S. Young to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

B. Spencer and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 5th day of October eighteen hundred and eighty two Patrick Downing of Springfield in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Springfield for the term of one year for the crime of drunkenness, and that said Patrick Downing has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Patrick Downing to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Burke Bros. and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Patrick Downing, Petr.  
for release from the  
House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 30 day of September eighteen hundred and eighty four, John J. Mahoney of Springfield in said County, was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of said Springfield for the term of 6 months for the crime of drunkenness, and that said John J. Mahoney has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said John J. Mahoney to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Edward T. Houghton and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

John J. Mahoney, Petr.  
for release from the  
House of Correction  
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William Dinan, Pet. for release from the House of Correction

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Chester, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1883.

To the Honorable the Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden we the undersigned put our signatures to this petition in the interest of William Dinan now serving a term of imprisonment in the House of Correction Springfield that he may be released on Probation believing it may be the means to the end to effect his reformation from that terrible affliction Drunkenness, all of which we submit to your consideration.

Charles A. Knox and others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

Catherine Foley, Pet. for release from the House of Correction

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned respectfully represents that on the - day of - eighteen hundred and eighty - Catherine Foley of - in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Holyoke in said County, for the term of - months for the crime of Vagrancy and that said Catherine Foley has reformed. Wherefore your petitioner prays that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said Catherine Foley to be at liberty during the remainder of her term of sentence.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit: on the twenty third day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

County Tax  
assessed

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court, passed at their present session, April 3<sup>d</sup>, 1885, granting a tax of eighty one thousand dollars (\$81,000) for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several cities and towns in said County, in manner following:

Aquinn,	\$1350.92	Holyoke	14,294.11
Blandford,	383.37	Longmeadow	1,223.12
Barrefield,	547.67	Ludlow	803.26
Chester	547.67	Morrison	1,734.28
Chicopee	5695.74	Montgomery	146.04
Granville	401.62	Palmer	2592.29
Hampden	474.64	Russell	456.39
Holland	127.79	Southwick	638.94



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Springfield	38,245.42	Westfield	6572.01
Dorland	200.82	West Springfield	3395.54
Wales	401.62	Wilbraham	766.74

And warrants have been issued dated April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1885, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of the several towns and cities in said County, directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns and cities, and requiring their collectors or constables to collect the same, and pay the same to No. Wells Bridge, Esquire, County Treasurer, or his successor or order, by the fifteenth day of October ensuing as the law directs.

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss.

At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners, held at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April, viz: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1885. - Upon a review of the question of damages occasioned by the relocation of highway in the Town of Agawam, upon the petition of the Selectmen of Agawam. It is Ordered by the Commissioners, that the sum of Ten Dollars be paid to Fred Leonard in addition to the amount awarded at the time of filing the location report.

(L.S.)

Leonard Clark	} County Commissioners
L. L. Root	
Henry A. Chase	

Additional Land Damages awarded Fred Leonard, Selectmen of Agawam. Peter

(May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1885) Voted, that if the City will take the general care of Court Square for the term of five years keeping in order the grounds, fences, walks, trees and the Miles Morgan Statue to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners - the Commissioners will order paid from the County Treasury, the costs of half the curbing to be erected around said Statue, - the City to set the same.

Note as to Court Square

(May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1885) A. O. Pease appointed County Physician.

A. O. Pease, appt. County Physician

(May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1885) Voted that the sum of ten dollars per year be charged to all cities and towns outside this County for the privilege of assigning Hampden County Jail School as the place of confinement for transients.

Note as to Hampden County Jail School



Contract for Ice awarded (May 15<sup>th</sup>) Contract for furnishing Jail and Court House with ice  
Massachusetts Ice Company awarded Massachusetts Ice Company for the year

Contract for building new Jail and House of Correction awarded (May 18, 1885) Voted: that the contract for erecting the new building on York Street, in Springfield, to be used for a Jail and House of Correction, be awarded to Greely & Noyes, Contractors and Builders, for the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Eight Thousand Dollars, providing a bond for the faithful performance of the contract be furnished, satisfactory to the County Commissioners.

(May 23, 1885) A satisfactory bond having been filed by Greely & Noyes, the contract for building the new Jail and House of Correction is awarded to them.

Contract for Labor of Prisoners at House of Correction awarded (1885, June 2<sup>d</sup>) Due notice for proposals therefor, having been issued and published, the contract for the labor of prisoners at the House of Correction is awarded to J. Henry Martin & Son, of New Haven, Conn., for three years, commencing July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1885, at ten cents per day for each prisoner, as will appear by the written contract on file.

Rev. Lester Williams appt. Chaplain at Jail & House of Correction (1885, June 2<sup>d</sup>) Rev. Lester Williams is hereby appointed Chaplain at the Jail and House of Correction, in Springfield, to provide for all moral and religious instruction, for the prisoners confined therein.

### Land Damages

The following person is allowed the sum set against his name for damages to land taken for highways, amounting to the sum of one hundred sixty four dollars and seventy five cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.  
To Fred Leonard on petition of Selectmen of Agawam. \$164.75

### Accounts

\$6571.06

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of six thousand five hundred seventy one dollars and six cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.



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Hampden, ss. June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c., and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest:

Robert O Morris Clerk.



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty third day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty sixth and thirtieth days of said month, on the seventh, tenth, fifteenth and eighteenth days of July, on the fourth and fourteenth days of August, and on the first and fifteenth days of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five.

Present Leonard Clark Esq. Chairman  
 Lewis F. Root  
 Henry A. Chase. } County Commissioners

Selectmen of Blandford, To the Hon County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.  
 Petrs. for new highway & discontinuance of old  
 highway in Blandford  
 Messrs.

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Blandford hereby petition your Hon body being so directed by vote of Town of Blandford in meeting legally warned that if in your judgment public necessity requires you will locate and lay out a new road from or near the dwelling house situated on the Curtis Hall farm in said Blandford to the new road so called leading from near David Bates to near Arthur Goodwins And also discontinue the road now running from Henry A. Smith in said Blandford to fire corners so called near David Bates And you are petitioned to view the same at your earliest convenience. And as in duty bound would ever pray.

Blandford Mass. Nov 8th, 1884

William Bates } Selectmen  
 Wm. H. Watson } of  
 M. S. Phelps } Blandford

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, and was continued to a meeting of said Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year last aforesaid, at which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the nineteenth day of May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Blandford Hotel, in Blandford, as the time and

Selectmen of Blandford,  
 Petrs. for new highway &  
 discontinuance of old  
 highway in Blandford

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place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Blandford, being the town within which such location and discontinuance are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Times and News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said nineteenth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said views and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this tenth day of July, A. D. 1885 when said Commissioners do proceed to locate said highway as follows, to wit: Beginning at a Butternut tree on the west side of the road a little Northerly of the Lewis Hall house thence South  $27^{\circ}$  East 49 rods & 9 links to a stake thence South  $30\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 23 Rods and 11 links to the brook and face of the bridge abutment from which to its opposite face of wall is 33 feet. From thence to the road is 1 Rod & 8 links. The bridge shall be so constructed as to carry a load of 6000 lbs. per lineal foot & 18 ft. wide in the clear and the floor of the bridge to be 10 ft 7 in. above low water mark. The line is run on the westerly side of the foregoing described courses. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the road now running from Henry A. Smith's in said Blandford to five corners as called near David Bates be discontinued. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations interested in relation to the

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question of damages, award no damages to be paid to any person or corporation, as in their opinion none are entitled to any in consequence of this location and discontinuance of highway. The owners of land over which the foregoing location of highway is made, are allowed until the first day of August, A.D. 1885, to remove their buildings, timber, trees and fences therefrom. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the said town of Blandford cause the foregoing location of highway to be made, constructed and completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of October, A.D. 1885.

Leonard Clark

Henry A. Chase

Lewis F. Root

County

Commissioners.

All of which by the report of said Commissioners filed among the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the said road established as and for a public highway.

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Mayor & Aldermen of  
Springfield, Petrs. for alter-  
ation of B. & A. R.R.  
in Springfield.

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to name of Bridge.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners in and for the  
County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent your petitioners, the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Springfield in said County, that in their opinion it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made in the crossing and approaches thereto known as the "Red House" crossing where the Boston and Albany Railroad crosses the highway leading from Springfield to Indian Orchard at or near the "Red House" so called. Wherefore your petitioners ask that after due notice and a hearing of all parties interested, your Board will determine what alteration, if any, is necessary, prescribe the manner and limits within which it shall be made and certify your decision as required by law.

Dated at said Springfield, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

L. M. Phillips Mayor

J. S. Sanderson

J. C. Lutz

C. A. Ball

J. L. Knight

A. M. Beach

Aldermen



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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, held at Springfield within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty five, when the Commissioners appointed Tuesday, the twenty third day of June next and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the 'Red House' in Springfield, as the time and place for hearing all parties interested and caused due notice to be given of the time and place of said hearing. And on the said twenty third day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made as prayed for, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this eighteenth day of July A. D. 1885, and now said Commissioners do prescribe the manner and limits within which it shall be made as follows, to wit: The grade to be separated by raising the said highway called Berkshire St. so that it shall pass over said rail road at a height of at least eighteen feet above the track of said rail road. Said Berkshire St. shall be widened on the Westerly side of its present location to a line described as follows: Beginning at a stone monument standing at an angle in the present westerly line of said street about 803 feet measured on said line northerly from the centre line of the Boston & Albany Railroad; thence  $S. 27^{\circ} 15' W.$  727 feet to a stone monument; thence turning to the left in a curved line of 306.4 feet radius, tangent to the last line, 104.45 feet to a stone monument; thence  $S. 7^{\circ} 43' W.$  tangent to the last line, 50 feet to a point; thence turning to the right in a curved line of 268 feet radius tangent to the last line 174.15 feet to a stone monument standing in the present westerly line of said Berkshire street. The traveled part of said highway shall be widened to the width of 30 feet exclusive of the side slopes and of the ditches. A suitable bridge shall be erected which shall be substantially and properly railed with a roadway of at least thirty feet between the railings. And it is further ordered that the grade of said highway shall not in any places exceed the angle of ascent or descent from a horizontal line of more than five feet in a hundred feet. The abutments of the bridge



at the grade of the Rail Road shall be at least twenty one feet apart. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations who expressed a desire to be heard in relation to the question of damages caused by the alteration aforesaid, did then and there adjudge that there be paid to John Hughes the sum of One Hundred Dollars,

\$100.00

and to David Roberts the sum of Five Dollars.

\$ 5.00

the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them in consequence of the foregoing alteration. No other persons or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the opinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages, none others are awarded. Leonard Clark, County Commissioner, being disqualified to act on account of residence, Benjamin F. Burr, Special Commissioner, was called and acted in his stead.

In Amendment See Page 289.

Benjamin A. Taylor et  
al. Petrs. for a private  
way in Tolland Meas.

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents Benjamin A. Taylor and Eliza A. Taylor his wife, both of Colebrook in the State of Connecticut, that they are the owners of a certain tract of land situated in the Southwesterly part of the town of Tolland, in said County, containing about ten acres of land, that they have no convenient way of passage to and from said land to any highway in said town, and that there is a necessity for a private way for the use of said petitioners from a point in the highway near the Easterly end of the iron bridge over the Farmington River in said Tolland across the lands of Julius Piquenott and of the heirs of Allen Hawley on the Easterly side of said River in said Tolland to the lands of your petitioner and within or near the location of the New and New Haven Railroad Company being about sixty rods in length. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable body will view the premises and locate said private way for the use of your petitioners.

Tolland, May 30, 1885.

Benjamin A. Taylor  
Eliza Taylor

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five, at which meeting, the



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Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the ninth day of July then next, and 9 1/2 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Iron Bridge over Farmington River, in Tolland, as the time and place for viewing the premises and hearing all parties interested; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Lee and New Haven Railroad Co. and upon the clerk of the town of Tolland being the town within which such private way is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Daily Union, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said ninth day of July, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and hear the parties interested, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, and no person interested objecting thereto, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge and determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said Commissioners continued the proceedings in said matter to their next regular adjourned meeting and so from meeting to meeting until this first day of September, A. D. 1885, when said Commissioners do proceed to locate said private way, as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point in the highway near the easterly end of the iron bridge over the Farmington River and thence over land of Julius Piquemott and of the heirs of Allen Hawley upon what constitutes the old road bed of the Lee and New Haven Rail Road Co. to the land of said petitioners. The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations who expressed a desire to be heard in relation to the question of damages caused by the location aforesaid, did then and there



adjudge that there be paid to Mrs. Maria S. Norton  
the sum of Ten Dollars  
and to Julius Piquenott the sum of  
Two Dollars.

\$ 10.00

\$ 2.00

the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by  
them in consequence of the foregoing location. No other persons  
or corporations having appeared to claim damages, and in the o-  
pinion of the Commissioners, none others being entitled to damages,  
none others are awarded.

Leonard Clark

Henry A. Chase

L. A. Root

County Commissioners

All of which, by the report of said Commissioners filed among  
the proceedings on the aforesaid petition, fully appears. And now  
the said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the  
way established.

The Vernon Paper Co. et  
als. Petrs. for a new high-  
way from Russell through  
Montgomery to Westfield  
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To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:

Respectfully represent the undersigned, legal voters of the  
towns of Russell, Montgomery, Blandford and Westfield in said  
County, that the public convenience and necessity require that a  
highway should be laid out and constructed from a point in the  
highway leading from Westfield to Russell depot at or near the  
paper mill of Vernon Brothers and Company in said Russell,  
thence running from said point Easterly across the Westfield  
River to and across the Boston & Albany Railroad, thence Southerly  
and Southeasterly through a corner of said Montgomery into  
the town of Westfield to a point in the highway leading from  
Pohasset district to said Montgomery at or near where the old road  
crosses said highway in said Westfield. And your petition-  
ers pray your Honorable body to view the premises and locate and  
construct said highway, and as in duty bound will ever pray.  
Russell, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

The Vernon Paper Co. and others  
April Meeting, eighteen hundred and eighty five, and was continued to this  
the foregoing petition was entered at the meeting, and now the  
Commissioners appoint a place and time for a view of the  
premises, and direct notice of the same to be given, and  
now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.



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Selectmen of Chester,  
Petrs. for a new highway  
in Chester.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Chester in said County, petition your Honorable Board, to lay out and order to be built a county road in said Chester, from a point nearly opposite the Bedstead Shop of William Fay, thence Southwesterly upon the "Pine Hill Cemetery" lot to a point nearly opposite the house of Mrs. Philo Clark in accordance with the following action taken by the Inhabitants of said Chester at their annual meeting held March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1885 copy of the article in the Warrant Article 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to having laid out, and building a new road from a point nearly opposite the Bedstead Shop of William Fay, thence Southwesterly upon the "Pine Hill Cemetery" lot to a point nearly opposite the house of Mrs. Philo Clark. That the matter referred to in Article 13 be left to the Selectmen to do as they see fit.  
Chester, June 35<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

Charles H. Knox } Selectmen  
Alfred S. Foote }  
Joshua W. Bemis } of  
Chester

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now the Commissioners appoint a place and time for a view of the premises, and direct notice of the same to be given, and now it is ordered that said petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Mayor and Aldermen  
of Holyoke, Petrs. for  
a new townway in  
Holyoke.

We the undersigned Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Holyoke in said County respectfully represent that the public necessity requires that a townway be laid out across the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad, operated by the New Haven and Northampton Company at that point in said Holyoke where Sargeant Street intersects with said railroad, and you are respectfully requested to lay out said way or to authorize the City of Holyoke to lay out the same.

J. E. Delaney } Mayor  
Eli J. Rickett } and  
J. A. Sears } Aldermen of  
J. J. Prew } the City  
William Reardon } of  
John K. McCarthy } Holyoke  
Roger P. Donoghue }

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The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and after due notice to the Railroad Corporations, and hearing all parties interested, the County Commissioners do adjudge that the public convenience and necessity requires that a town way be laid out across said Rail Road, and do authorize the City of Holyoke to lay out a way in such manner as not to injure or obstruct the Rail Road, and in accordance with the plans furnished. The way to be laid out sixty feet wide across the location of the Holyoke and Westfield Rail Road Company. The grade of the way must be at least twelve feet below the girders of the Rail Road Bridge, which girders are to be fourteen feet above the water line in the upper level Canal. The way must be carried out on a level for at least ten feet from the Bridge at the westerly end. Henry A. Chase and Lewis J. Root, County Commissioners, being disqualified, Ira H. Potter and Benjamin F. Burr, Special Commissioners, were called in, and acted in their stead.

James Burns, Pet. for  
release from the House  
of Correction.

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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the - day of - eighteen hundred and eighty - James Burns of - in said County was sentenced to the House of Correction for said County, by the Police Court of Chicopee, for the term of - months for being a Tramp, and that said James Burns has reformed. Wherefore your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said James Burns to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

Upon recommendation of Judge of Police Court  
Chicopee and Probation Officer.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the eighteenth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Henry Gault, Pet. for  
release from the House  
of Correction.

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents the undersigned citizens of Holyoke that Henry Gault of said Holyoke was committed to the House of Correction in said County by the Police Court of



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Holyoke on the fourteenth day of May, 1885, for the term of four months for Drunkenness, and that in our judgment, from our acquaintance with him, his friends and his circumstances as his term of confinement has already been of sufficient length to accomplish all good results that can come from imprisonment. Therefore we pray that he may be released.

Holyoke, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1885.

James Dougherty and others.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Springfield, Mass. August 1, 1885.

To the Hon. the Co. Commissioners - Gentlemen -

I have examined into the case of Henry Labroad now serving sentence in the House of Correction, and respectfully report. The said Henry Labroad has a wife who will be confined in a few months and her husband is her only support. I understand that she is a respectable woman. Labroad has been arrested several times for drunkenness but is an otherwise an inoffensive man. He seems penitent and promises good behavior in future. I respectfully recommend that the prayer of his wife be granted. Enclosed I send a letter from Judge Parsons of Holyoke who passed sentence.

Yours respt. J. Scott

Probation Officer of Springfield

(Letter enclosed.) To Rev. J. Scott or whom it may concern.

In the matter of Commonwealth v. Henry Labroad who was sentenced to House of Correction for four months - I hereby give my consent to the discharge of said Defendant - if it shall seem best to the authorities having the matter in charge.

July 23, 1885.

W. B. C. Parsons

Justice Police Court of Holyoke.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now, to wit, on the fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Henry Labroad, Petr.  
for release from the  
House of Correction.  
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James Nichols, Petr  
for release from the  
House of Correction  
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To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:  
The undersigned, citizens of said County, respectfully represent that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August eighteen hundred and eighty five, James Nichols of Chicopee in said County was sentenced by the Police Court of Chicopee in said County to the House of Correction for said County, for the term of one month for the crime of vagrancy and that said James Nichols has reformed. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board issue a Permit to the said James Nichols to be at liberty during the remainder of his term of sentence.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and now to wit, on the fifteenth day of September eighteen hundred and eighty five, it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Location Report amended  
on the petition of Mayor  
and Aldermen of Springfield, Petrs. for alteration  
of crossing of B & A  
R.R. in Springfield

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County Commissioners Meeting, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1885

In the matter of the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Springfield, for the alteration of the crossing of the Boston and Albany Rail Road in Springfield, in which a decree was made by said County Commissioners on the eighteenth day of July, A.D. 1885, It now appearing to the said Commissioners, that in said decree an error has been made in inserting the number twenty one instead of thirty one in giving the space between the abutments of the bridge at the grade of the Railroad. We therefore amend our decree by striking out the number 'twenty one' in the description of the abutments of the bridge, and inserting the number 'thirty one'.

Henry A. Chase } County  
S. H. Root } Commissioners

Order as to  
Hampden County Juvenile School

(August 14<sup>th</sup>) Voted: that permission to designate the Hampden County Juvenile School as a place for the confinement of Juveniles be revoked as to all cities and towns outside of Hampden County except the towns of  
Norfolk  
Weymouth  
Southampton



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden, ss.

County Commissioners' Meeting, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

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County Treas authorized  
to issue and deliver  
coupon bonds

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 243 of the Statutes of this Commonwealth for the year 1884, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue and deliver on the first day of August next, to C. H. Verner & Company, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, one hundred and seventy five coupon bonds of the said County of Hampden, payable at the First National Bank of Boston, on the first day of August, 1905 - each bond of the denomination of one thousand dollars, to receive therefor, the sum of one hundred and seventy five thousand dollars, and to pay for the use of said money, the sum of eight thousand two hundred seventy seven dollars and fifty cents in advance, and at the rate of three per cent per annum, payable semi-annually thereafter. This loan being the first authorized under the provisions of said Chapter.

(L. S.)

Leonard Clark } County  
Henry A. Chase } Commissioners  
Lewis H. Root }

This Agreement made this eighteenth day of July, 1885, between John H. Moills of Buffalo, New York, of the First Part, and the Commissioners of the County of Hampden, of the Second Part,

Contract for Heat and  
Ventilation at Court  
House awarded John  
H. Moills.

Witnesseth: -

That the said Party of the First Part for a consideration hereinafter mentioned, agrees to make certain alterations of the Court House, Springfield, Mass., and to furnish all the materials, and perform all the work necessary to complete the same, agreeably to the accompanying Specifications and Plan, on or before September the 20<sup>th</sup>, 1885. In consideration whereof, - the party of the Second Part agrees to pay the said Party of the First Part, the sum of \$3574.00, together with the old boilers and rejected materials referred to in said Specifications. And it is further agreed, that the said Party of the Second Part may modify the before-mentioned specifications, in any particular, without impairing its validity, or the validity of this contract in other respects, - provided, - that the sum to be allowed to either Party for such alterations, shall have been agreed upon by the parties.



hereto, and a full statement of the same made in writing, and signed by them, before the work to be effected by the change is commenced. The County Commissioners may hereafter elect whether the boilers shall be of cast iron <sup>or wrought iron</sup> or steel without any change of price. In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, on the day and year first above written.

In presence of }  
Robert O. Morris }

John H. Mills Contractor (Seal)

(Seal) Leonard Clark } County  
Henry A. Chase }  
L. H. Root } Commissioners

Specifications for the reconstruction of the Warming and Ventilating Apparatus in the Court House, Springfield, Mass.

In General. This specification is intended to cover the entire reconstruction of the Steam Heating arrangements, and is to be taken in connection with the schedule of room and the plans on which the main changes and additions are indicated. In any case, when the plans differ from the specifications the latter shall be taken as authority in the absence of definite explanation or instructions from the superintendent who will be appointed by the Commissioners to take charge of the work. The instructions and decisions of such superintendent to be final in all matters relating to details of construction and materials employed.

In Detail. Disconnect the present boilers from the piping and other attachments and remove them from the building, such boilers and all other rejected materials to belong to the contractor as part payment for the new material and labor involved in the reconstruction. He being at liberty to use all old material suitable for the work. Bidders must state in their bids the amount they will allow for said boilers and materials.

Boilers. Furnish and erect in the boiler room in location shown on plans or other location indicated by the superintendent two thirty five horse power Tubular boilers of steel or best fire box and flange iron to stand a tensile strain of 50,000 pounds to the square inch and to bend double when cold without fracture. Diameter of shells, forty four inch, thickness, five sixteenths of an inch. Length of shell, twelve feet. Length tubes eleven feet. Number of tubes, forty two. Diameter three inches. Surface of tubes three hundred forty six feet. Total, four hundred square feet. Thickness of heads  $3/8$  inch. Tubes to be best lap welded charcoal iron. Heads to be well



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braced and stayed. All longitudinal seams to be double riveted and all seams to be well caulked and tight under 100 pounds cold water pressure to the square inch. Both boilers to have two cast iron angle plates bolted on each side. Also flanges on top and bottom tapped out to receive the two steam mains, and one outlet in rear for the return water. Both boilers to have ornamental cast iron flush fronts Philadelphia pattern with double cleaning fire and ash doors. The fire door to be well fitted and lined with baffle plates perforated to admit air, with slide to regulate same. Two sets of fire tools, viz: shovel, hoe, poker and slice bar. Also steam nozzle and jet pipe with fifteen feet best four ply steam hose with which to clean the flues. Furnish both boilers with patent shaking and dumping grates  $42 \times 50$  in. each, also complete sets of steam and water gauges, gauge cocks, 2 inch safety valves and automatic steam regulator to control the draft. The steam and water gauges to be inserted in separate barrel or stand pipe, connected to the water and steam spaces of the boiler by one inch pipe having cocks in each, to close when desired. Run a blow off pipe  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches from both boilers to drain, or from the lowest point of the return piping. Also run a cold water supply to each, of one inch in diameter with valve near boiler. Set both boilers in substantial brick work 40 inches above the floor. Side walls to be double, 8 inches thick and 3 inches air space. Fire chamber to be lined up with best fire brick to rear of bridge wall. The space below bridge wall to be filled in with earth and paved with fire brick half way to rear. The space below the shell being 12 inches at front and 8 inches at rear. A plan of this brick setting will be furnished the contractor at the proper time as well as all other necessary directions. In addition to the above described shell boilers the bidder may also submit a specification and tender for what are known as sectional or safety boilers of wrought iron tubes with or without the shell, or cast iron sections. It being the desire and intention of the Commissioners to secure economical as well as efficient heating apparatus, therefore bidders should state the guaranteed evaporation per lb. of coal of each kind of boiler with proof of same, also the space required less than that required for the shell boilers, fittings and connections to be the same in both kinds of boilers.



Chimney To secure a proper flue for said boiler remove the rear wall from the present chimney flue, the whole height to a point just below the roof where a second flue enters the chimney head. In the space so made insert a 24 inch vitrified tile flue set level and true in cement mortar extending the flue below the cellar floor and across the space to the boiler room, all substantially as shown on plans. The tile flue will be carried up as far as the present chimney runs straight, about 72 feet. The horizontal distance below the cellar floor being sixteen feet. In constructing the new inclined part of the chimney flue that is above the attic floor it must be carried over so as to make a safe and easy delivery into the present chimney head, availing of the area of both the present flues which are twelve by twenty eight equal to 672 square inches. Having removed the wall and furrings, where any exists front of present chimney flue and inserted the new tile flue enclose the pipe and all space around it flush with the new chimney breast as far over as the door to the Court Room will admit by placing studs and lathing and plastering same. The space so secured extending up through closet on 3rd floor to attic. The room around the chimney being designed for ventilating flue for the police and clerk rooms on 1st and 2nd floor as shown on plans. The head of the shaft connecting in the attic with the main duct leading to the fan.

Chimney Cap For protection to the chimney flue drill six 3/4 inch holes in the stone coping and insert iron studs with screw and nut on upper ends to pass through a covering plate of wrought iron 3-16 of an inch thick and elevated in center to pitch each way to turn the water. This cap or cover to extend one foot over the chimney head and to be elevated two feet, the smoke and gases discharging below such plate. The whole of iron work to be painted with one coat of asphaltum paint.

Steam Piping The boilers being properly set connect them with the present lines of steam pipe, a new line of 2 1/2 inches diameter being run from the boilers to the front of the building for the supply of the new direct radiators shown on the plans in red ink. All these lines to have their proper angle or open way valves to close them when desired.

Return Piping For the return of the water of condensation



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to the boilers run two new lines of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch pipe on or near the outside wall of the basement diminishing towards the front as the radiators are connected elevating these lines at the front to at least three feet above the floor level and grading down to the floor at or near the boiler room. Both these lines to be suspended on proper hook, bolt, or other support on outside wall.

Radiator Connections. Disconnect all indirect radiator stacks and where they are double remove lower tier of radiators permanently enlarging the upper stack so as to fill out to the full size of the box. When the radiators are only tapped out  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch and 1 inch being one size larger pipe to and from the stacks. A new supply and return connection being thus secured to the new return line before described.

Radiator Boxes. The present casings will have to be changed somewhat to receive the new air supply, but whenever altered in anyway they must be repaired and made perfectly tight, the bottoms being so adjusted as to take off. To that end use screws instead of nails. A new stack is shown in basement under rear hall - to replace the indirect radiators removed from below room No. 8 - encase them in narrow matched pine ceiling boards, lined with tin, the cold air supply being taken from the window as shown.

Pure air supply. For the air supply to the indirect radiators a tin pipe will be run from the nearest window. The area of said pipe to equal one sq. inch of air to each sq. foot of heating surface supplied. Where each tin pipe connect to the radiators insert a Tee section with damper so that when the outside air is shut off air from basement will be admitted to the stack.

Direct Radiators. Several changes and additions are shown on the plans generally in red ink. Where the radiators are new they are so marked, and can thus be correctly estimated. All of the new radiators will require a connection to a new vertical supply line run up from the basement. All new radiators to have both supply and return valves and where any old radiator connection is too small or otherwise defective, the same to be changed and made to correspond with the new work.

Ventilation. To secure a regular and constant supply of pure air from without the building the (retiated) air in



the rooms must be constantly removed. This operation being in fact the key to all successful heating where indirect radiators are employed. To this end construct and place in the attic in the location shown, an air motor or fan substantially as per enlarged sketch on plans. The wheel to be six feet six inches in diameter and three feet wide, to have twelve arms and six blades curved as shown and secured to the side disks by clamps and bolts and other necessary stays. Blades and disks to be of No. 16 Iron. The shaft to be of cold rolled steel  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter extending through the case on the north side sufficient to come in line with the upright vent shaft in chimney breast through which the belt passes from the water motor in basement to the driving pulley on fan shaft. All substantially as shown on sectional elevation where also several of the vent ducts are shown. All those on the south side of the center line are not seen. One and generally two vent flues are obtained for each room. Where bookcases cover these flues entrance to them must be sought below the lower shelf by making openings in the base equal to the flue area. The ventilation to the four water closets are from the top of same to attic floor. The vent to the Judges room on second floor must be found in a side flue not yet located, and as much of this ventilating work passes over between the floor and ceiling it will have to be done under the personal direction of the superintendent. Where wood is employed for air boxes or ducts furnish narrow matched pine lumber sound and kiln dried, fitted together with angle joints and cover all corners and side seams with double cloth painted and tacked on. All air boxes and tin pipe connections to same to be as near air tight as good materials and workmanship can make them. Furnish and construct through the attic space above the Court room ceiling two main air ducts reaching from front to rear one on each side of fan wheel covering the center openings or inlets as shown. All smaller and vertical vent ducts and tubes ascending from the rooms below will enter and discharge into these main horizontal ducts as shown on plan of attic floor.

Water Motor To give motion to the fan wheel in attic, furnish and place a Turck improved motor No. eleven with six inch grooved cone pulley on shaft having two grooves of five and six inch respectively with large patent auto-



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matic oil cups for lubrication. At the angle where the belt turns on the attic to reach the air motor arrange and construct a sliding frame to carry the two grooved idler pulleys six inches in diameter with steel shafts running in babbeted boxes and having large patent oil cups for lubrication. The frame carrying these idler pulleys to move vertically and in a slide provided. Suspend the frame by cord or chain passing over a pulley with a counter weight attached. Thus any slack or stretch in the belt will be compensated for. The belt to be of sole leather, round and  $5\frac{1}{8}$  inch in diameter and endless. The splice being made before the belt is put upon the pulleys. The speed of the motor at eighty five pounds pressure being seven hundred revolutions per minute and that of the fan only one hundred it follows that the driving pulley on the fan shaft will be 42 inches in diameter. It may be made with iron hub and arms with wooden rim to secure lightness. The fan shaft will revolve on anti friction roller bearings, a plan of which to scale as well as a plan of the fan wheel will be furnished the contractor with instructions for the erection of both machines. The revolutions of the fan wheel exhausts the air from the center and discharges it from the periphery of each blade as shown. The necessary water for driving the motor and fan will be furnished on application to the water department from the high pressure service pipe on State Street. The run from this service a one half inch pipe of supply to the motor of one half inch diameter also a crown water meter will be furnished by the water department, but at the expense of the contractor. The contractor will also run a waste pipe 2 inches in diameter from the bottom of the water motor to the drain, an opening being provided in the chimney breast about 38 inches square or the width of the flue a box or closet will be placed over this opening with hinged door secured with good lock and key. The vent flue area from the Court Room is found to be seven square feet and at a movement of the air of only 250 feet per minute will remove  $7 \times 250 = 1750 \times 60 = 105000$  cubic feet of air or the entire contents of the room every hour, while it is possible to remove double the amount with the machinery provided. This may be taken as an example of all other rooms having vent flues attached to the exhaust motor. The contractor however



is not held to the accomplishment of these exact results but to furnish the machines described erected in to location shown, to build them in a thoroughly substantial manner under the direction and to the approval of the superintendent. While certain plans are made not every detail is or can be shown, but enough taken with the specifications to enable the practical mechanic to estimate upon the work, to furnish and guarantee a complete and satisfactory Heating and Ventilating apparatus. Finally to furnish all the new materials required in the specifications and plans of the best materials to arrange and combine them with skilled labor. To do all the mason work, carpenter work, painting and glazing required in getting the new air supplies, to paint all pipes and radiators exposed in the rooms and to make good all cuttings of the walls and floors, to remove all materials left over and all rubbish made in the execution of the work. Also to cover all new return and steam lines with hair felt and canvas or the plastic non-conducting material and to repair all the covering broken while making the new connections. The work to begin as soon as the contract is awarded, to be followed up diligently until completion within sixty days of signing the contract. The contractor to guarantee to furnish the County of Hampden a complete warming and ventilating apparatus with gravity return system noiseless in operation and efficient in all its parts and appointments without any reserve or intention to make any claim for extra material or labor found necessary to secure the above results. All the rooms to be warmed to a temperature of seventy degrees in the coldest weather. The halls and passages to sixty degrees under like conditions with the normal amount of ventilation which is a change of air of all the rooms connected with the ventilating system once per hour. Contractors will accompany their bids with the usual bids to enter contract and to pay for all labor and materials involved, within seven days from date of published notice. The Commissioners however, reserve the right to reject any and all bids as they may deem for the best interests of the work and the County of Hampden.



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Accounts

The Commissioners have audited the accounts of the Medical Examiners for views and examinations of the dead bodies of strangers, and certified to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth items thereon amounting to the sum of fifty eight dollars and ten cents. \$58.10

September 1st Voted that hereafter the sum of four dollars and fifty cents per week be charged for each truant sent to the Hampden County Truant School by cities and towns outside the County.

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of fifty one thousand two hundred fifty four dollars, and eighty four cents, and the same are ordered to be paid from the County Treasury. \$51,254.84

Hampden, ss. September 15th, 1885.

Judgment is entered up according to reports &c. and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest: Robert O Morris Clerk



Specifications of dam  
across Chicopee River  
John H. Southworth  
et als. Petrs.

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Specifications of the manner of constructing a Dam across the  
Chicopee river at Southworths Falls, Chicopee, Mass., for J. H.  
Southworth & Sons, including Canal, Bulkhead &c.

General Description. The dam to be composed of hydraulic stone  
masonry, placed upon the rock in bed of river, with abutments  
at each end, and connected with outside wall of guard gates to  
canal on south side of river, which is to be considered as a  
part of the same. The dam to be about 250 feet in length,  
and 15 feet in height, and the abutments at least eight feet a-  
bove the crest of the dam.

First Specification. The bed of the river is to have all the gravel,  
loose stone, and other material, removed, and the rock excavated  
so as to make a smooth, sound bottom, as far as may be re-  
quired. The material removed to be deposited for filling above the  
dam or as may be directed. The abutment pit to be excavated  
to the rock, if required, and the material, deposited in necessary banks.  
Suitable pits shall be excavated for all vertical or slope walls,  
which may be necessary.

Second, Foundations. The masonry to be commenced on the rock  
in the bed of the river, where in the opinion of the engineer in  
charge of the work, it shall be of a character sufficient for  
that purpose. If required in any part of the dam, or other  
parts of the work, foundations of timber, or of timber and plank,  
or of piling, of such form and plan as the engineer may direct,  
shall be placed upon the gravel or rock, and properly secured,  
and all spaces between the rock and timber and between the  
gravel and timber shall be filled with concrete masonry.

Third, Masonry in Dam. The wall of dam is to be seven  
feet thick at the top measured in a horizontal line, and to  
increase in thickness by a batter on the lower side of one and  
one-half inches to a foot, and by a batter on the upper side of  
three inches to a foot, making the wall ten feet nine inches thick  
at ten feet below top of coping, or varying according to depth.  
The coping to be laid with one foot two inches inclination on  
its bed; to be not less than fifteen inches in thickness; to  
be dressed in front and rear to conform to the levels of the  
dam, and the front and top to be cut true and even, and to  
project four inches. The coping to cover the full thickness  
of the wall and be not less than three feet six inches wide  
lengthwise of the dam, the stones to be securely fastened together  
at each joint by two iron dogs, made with eighteen inch



body of one inch square wrought iron, the ends to be let into the stones six inches, and the whole of the dog to be inserted below the face of the stone, and to be secured with sulphur and sand cement. The expense of drilling holes and cutting channels is to be included in other prices.

Character of the Work. The masonry, except coping stone, and face of dam and face of abutments as hereinafter provided, shall be composed of quarry stone, of sound and good quality, laid in regular courses of not less than 12 inches in thickness, the upper and lower beds to be parallel except the top bed of the course under the coping of the dam, which is to receive the bevel or inclination above mentioned. The faces of abutments and dams shall be composed, if required, of granite, and same shall be of an average thickness of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. The face in the abutments and dam excepting the coping shall be cut, and laid with a mortar joint, not exceeding in any place one half of an inch in thickness, except that part of the vertical joint beginning 12 inches back from the face of the wall, which shall not exceed an average of one inch in thickness. The lower course of face stone shall not be less than 36 inches, and the second course not less than thirty inches wide on top bed. The second course shall in all cases break joints at least twelve inches on the backing, immediately in rear of the face stone below it, and shall have headers of not less than two feet and six inches long on the face, extending back into the wall at least four feet six inches, and shall average only 10 feet apart. Every succeeding course of masonry shall have similar headers, so laid that in alternate courses they will be intermediate to each other. The backing shall be of quarry stone of sound and good quality, and laid in courses, in same manner as face, with similar headers in each course, placed intermediate with the headers from the face. The backing stone shall in no case rise higher than the face stone in any course of masonry, and no dressing of stone will be permitted after they shall have been placed in the work. The bed joints in the backing shall not exceed one inch in thickness in any place, nor the vertical joints exceed an average of two inches. All the back stone must be in contact in some places with the beds, and no stone shall be less than six inches in thickness, or have less than a four square foot surface. The masonry in the abutments and wings to be of the same character as that of the dam and to be on



constructed upon plans to be furnished by the engineer in charge. The stone for masonry shall be well bedded in mortar made of the best quality of hydraulic cement materials. Each course shall be grouted before another is begun. The work shall be kept wet and free from dirt. No cement shall be used in any part of the work until said Engineer shall have examined, tried and approved the same, and the cement must be well housed, so as to be kept perfectly dry. The face stones and other stones shall be properly fitted to their places, and then raised and after mortar is spread, lowered to their beds so as to ensure a uniform mortar joint. Such machinery shall be used in handling the stone about, and on the walls, as will enable the workmen to properly lay them, and also to prevent disturbing or removing the wall that may have been laid.

Grout, Concrete Masonry Concrete masonry shall be composed of clean coarse gravel, or of fine broken stone, with hydraulic cement and clear sharp sand, in such proportions as said Engineer may direct, to be mixed in a box, and then shoveled into the work. Concrete is to be used throughout the work as the Engineer may direct.

Coping The coping will be of granite and it is to be dressed as follows: The top to be dressed smooth and on a horizontal line for a distance of at least six inches back from the front face, as shown in section, the remainder of the top to be a proper rock face. The front face is to be dressed smooth to a distance of four inches, measured vertically from the top edge of the stone, as shown in section. The remainder of the front may be rock face, no part to project more than three-quarters of an inch from the vertical front face. The vertical top joint and face joint to be not more than one-quarter of an inch thick for a depth of four inches. The copers of the abutments and wings shall not have a less surface than 16 square feet, and not less than 15 inches thick. Suitable stones shall be placed where directed for iron-work.

Gates Gates are to be built and put in, as per plans, of sound clear Florida pine, with all necessary hoisting gear and apparatus. The iron-work to be from the Holyoke Machine Co's patterns. The pier in stone masonry between the gate openings and the faces of the openings at the abutments are to be built of granite. Corners of piers and abutments at gates



are to be dressed four inches from corners on up stream end. Grooves and channels are to be cut in the face stones for the reception of gates as directed.

Piling. The contractor is to furnish and drive piles for foundations in any part of the work where directed, same to be not less than twelve inches diameter at the large end, and to be from twelve feet to twenty feet in length as directed, to be of good sound spruce lumber, properly peeled and pointed. Same are to be driven with a hammer weighing not less than 1,500 lbs., having a fall at last blow of at least twenty feet, the piles to be so driven as not to sink more than two inches at last blow.

Coffer dams, etc. The contractor is to build and maintain all necessary coffer dams, and to do all the pumping, bailing and draining, and to furnish all necessary machinery and apparatus therefor. The contractor is to do all necessary shoring for excavations, and provide timber and plank for same. The expense for this item to be included in other prices.

Flash Boards are to be provided by contractor, as shown on plans, fourteen inches wide, two inches thick, of southern pine, in sections of about six feet. Those on dam to be secured with chains and hinges as directed. The expense of drilling holes and cementing chains and hinges to the rock with sand and sulphur cement to be borne by contractor, and to be included in other prices. Flash boards on over fall to be one and one-half inches thick, arranged with handles and rods for raising same as directed. The same are to be secured to over-fall by cast iron brackets as shown on plan. The expense of putting on brackets to be included in other prices.

Filling above Dam. After the masonry and concrete above described has been put in, there shall be, if required, a filling of earth and stone extending up about fifteen feet. For a more full and perfect explanation of the form and dimensions of all the work, and of the manner of executing it in all its details, plans and bills of materials will be furnished by the said engineer, or his assistants, who will also give directions during the progress of the work as may be necessary, to have the same done perfectly in every respect, according to the plans contemplated in the foregoing specifications, and the said directions shall in every respect be complied with.



